Pentagon Doubts Effort In Somalia Can Be Brief

Military Risks Not as Great As in Bosnia, **Aides Stress**

By Eric Schmitt

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — As the Pentagon plans a military operation for Somalia, it is seeking a delicate balance: It wants to send enough troops to ensure success but is auxious to avoid having them stuck there keeping the peace or turned into a political force charged with setting up a

But American and other Western offi-cials said the mission would be much less risky than trying to deliver assistance to

Military planners say more favorable geography and fewer potentially hostile troops with less sophisticated weapons distinguish the clan warfare in Somalia from Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Political leaders here seem eager to draw that distinction, since the United States

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has resisted using military force in the Balkans and there is concern that doing so in Somalia would set an uncomfortable

"In the case of what was Yugoslavia, it ought to be clear to everyone that the use of force as a means of bringing that war to an end would require far more in the way of troops and far more in the way of commitment," acting Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger said in an inter-

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view on CNN. The soldiers in Somalia are essentially roving bands of poorly trained young men and teenagers who would be no match for well-armed troops, U.S. military officials said. With few hills and no forests to hide larger forces, recomnaissance planes, heli-

larger forces, reconnaissance planes, helicopter gunships, and fighter aircraft would have a distinct advantage.

"They could make things macounfortable for a large, modern force by sniping setting booby traps and mines." a U.S. military official involved with the relief operation said in a telephone interview from Mombasa, Kenya. "We could come in with artillery, mortars, helicopters, fixed-wing aircraft, tanks, and armored personnel carriers. We could really deal personnel carriers. We could really deal with them in short order."

Military planners envision first estabclan fighters the stolen supplies and financial tributes that finance their arms pur-chases. U.S. forces would turn over control to UN troops within four to six months, following the pattern established by the Pentagon in its efforts to bring aid to the Kurds in northern Iraq.

The aim of the operation would be to secure the ports and airfields and then escort relief supplies to safe havens. U.S. officials say there are about eight airfields in Somalia with permanent runways; two can accommodate heavy transport planes. In addition to Mogadishu, the main ports are Berbera and Kismayu. "By its nature, it's not too significant a military opera-

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Troops Unlikely To Come Home Within 6 Weeks

By Don Oberdorfer and Barton Gellman

Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — The White House is moving ahead with plans to send U.S. combat troops to Somalia with the objective of doing their job under a United Nations mandate and coming home before inauguration Day on Jan.

20. But the Pentagon doubts the operation canbe completed by then.

Reacting to the recommendations presented.

this week by the UN secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, U.S. officials expressed the belief that, after several days of debate, the Security Council would accept the U.S. offer of a substantial military force.

If this could be accomplished, it would simthis count be accomplished, it would samplify the transition to the Clinton administration, since Mr. Bush would not be handing over a partially completed U.S. military operation in Africa, Until now, President-elect Bill Clinton has been informed but not consulted about the U.S. proceed in the procession of second second second.

U.S. proposal to use ground troops.

Pentagon officials, skeptical that such ar enormous undertaking could be completed in six weeks, said the Jan. 20 objective should be taken "with a grain of sait."

"It may be the goal right now to turn it over to the UN by Jan. 20," said a senior defense official. But, he added, "I don't think anybody is saying we will be out of there by theo."

Military planners, anxious to avoid unrealistic expectations, recalled that in the early days of the buildup to the Gulf War, the White House chief of staff, John H. Summi, leaked word that only 50,000 troops would be required, when internal Pentagon estimates al-ready called for more than 200,000. About 540,000 U.S. troops eventually fought in the Gulf War.

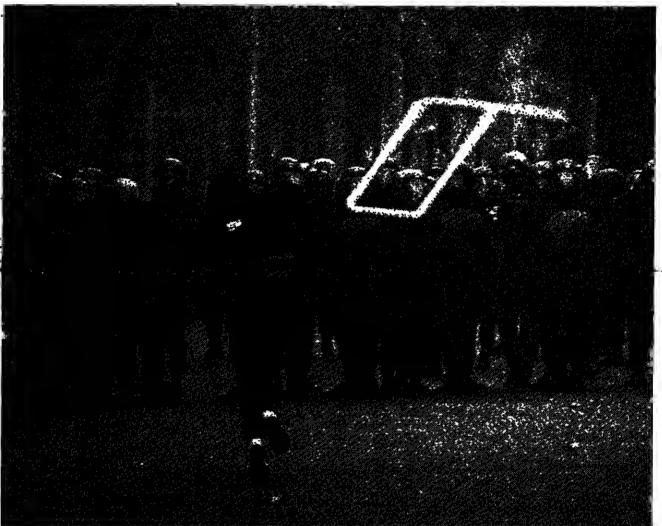
For Operation Provide Comfort, the postwar operation to feed and protect Iraqi Kurds, one official had said in early 1991: "We were going to be out by April." That operation is still under

While informal discussions about how to occeo are a diplomats in New York, U.S. officials in Washington will be drafting a Security Council resolution that would give U.S. ground troops, as part of a multinational force, a mandate to provide security for deliveries of food and medicine. An official said the United States envisioned a resolution authorizing use of "all necessary means" to protect the relief opera-

Administration spokesmen went out of their way Monday to say that the United States had no plans or proposals to establish an interna-tional trusteeship or protectorate in Somalia. The weekend remarks of a senior administration official, who suggested that the United Nations may be compelled to install an interim government and organize elections, were de-

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RISING PROTEST OVER TRADE PACT -A farmer throwing a metal frame at riot policemen Tuesday during a protest by 40,000 in Strasbourg, France, over a U.S.-EC trade pact. It was the biggest demonstration yet against the accord to cut farm subsidies. Page 8.

A New China Emerging? Economy and Armaments Keep Growing

Entrepreneurs Put Thrust in Regional Trade

By Paul Blustein Vashington Post Service

TAIPEI - A little more than a decade ago, a Chinese capitalist who returned to mainland China might have been imprisoned for re-education.

Now, even Hsiao Cheng-chih can go back to do business.
Mr. Hsiao was commander of the Nationalist Chinese forces in Shanghai during the Communist takeover of the mainland in 1949.

Later, he was promoted to lieutenant general in Taiwan's army and served as a military propagandist. Last spring, Mr. Hsiao, 72, told friends that he was making a business trip to Wuhan in central China, where he grew up. Many feared he would be arrested.

Instead, Mr. Hsiao was greeted warmly by Wuhan officials, because he was part of a Taiwan group planning to build department stores and cement plants there.

"Communism is dead worldwide," he said. "And when two boxers fight, afterward they shake hands."

Mr. Hsiao is one of the thousands of Chinese capitalists based all over Asia who are forging extensive trade and vestment links with the mainland.

In the process they are creating a new economic entity, often called Greater China, that promises to give a new thrust to the robust growth of China and its Southeast Asian

Their ranks include billionaire entrepreneurs like Hong Kong's Li Ka-shing and Malaysia's Robert Knok, who are investing together in a \$130 million project to develop shops, offices and housing in Shanghai; they also include hundreds of small Taiwan shoe companies, which have transferred some 90 percent of Taiwan's shoe manufacturing capacity to

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Modern Weaponry Makes Neighbors Uneasy

By Michael Richardson

International Herald Tribune SINGAPORE - The acquisition by China of modern weapons that will enable it to project power deep into Southeast Asia is causing increasing unease in the region, prompting calls for Beijing to show restraint and commit itself to peaceful settlement of disputes.

Although China is not seen as an immediate threat, its wing economic strength and extensive purchase of arms and advanced technology, mainly from former republics of the Soviet Union, are creasing the nucleus of a formidable long-range military machine.

Officials and analysts say that should China use force against countries in Southeast Asia to back its claims to sovereignty over disputed islands in the South China Sea, it would touch off a dangerous arms race and undermine the

rapid economic expansion that has made the area one of the fastest growing parts of the world in recent years.

Yeo Ning Hong, Singapore's defense minister, said Mon-day that "everybody in the region is fearful that an economi-cally stronger China may choose to exercise that strength in a manner that is not in the interests of the region." Benny Murdani, Indonesia's defense minister, said re-

cently that China should move quickly to allay Southeast Asian fears about its military modernization program, par-ticularly in naval, air and amphibious forces.

He said that there was "a lack of trust" in the region about China's long-term intentions, adding that Beijing should be "more transparent in its policies, especially those connected with the development of its armed forces."

Analysts say China is extending the reach and striking See ARMS, Page 2

Yeltsin Vows An Easier Transition to Free Market

Deputies Defeat Move By the Hard-Liners to Impeach the President

By Margaret Shapiro and Fred Hiatt

Washington Post Service

MOSCOW — President Boris N. Yeltsin opened a crucial session of the Russian Congress of People's Deputies on Tuesday by accusing the conservative-dominated legislature of hampering the country's recovery and told it not to meddle in his economic program.

But Mr. Yeltsin, mindful of the power of the industrial lobby to desil his economic program.

industrial lobby to derail his economic programs in coming votes, also promised an indus-trial policy that would ease the transition to the market for the large factories and collective farms that were the privileged offspring of the

old Soviet system.

Mr. Yeltsin's move to the offensive, which began several weeks ago, proved successful at least in the initial skirmishes of what is expected to be a stormy gathering of the 1,041-member Congress. Even before his speech deputies defeated a proposal by hard-line legislators to

consider Mr. Yeltsin's impeachment.
But the deputies' tepid response to Mr. Yeltsin's speech portended greater difficulties for him and his reformist government in coming days. The Congress may seek to unseat acting Prime Minister Yegor T. Gaidar, the architect of the country's "shock therapy" economic policy. Many deputies will also seek to limit the authority Mr. Yeltsin has used to form his government and unilaterally implement his

Russian television estimated Tuesday night that only 250 deputies firmly support Mr. Gaidar, while about 350 deputies are hard-line former Communists and nationalists who adamantly oppose him. The remainder, as preliminary votes showed Tuesday, are independents or belong to various centrist factions whose votes remain unpredictable.

Ilya Konstantinov, a leader of the hard-line Nationalist Salvation Front, acknowledged that his group was not strong enough to pass any motions but claimed "it is enough to block any decisions."

Two of Mr. Yeltsin's advisers, Sergei Stankevich and Andrei Nechayev, said that Mr. Gai-dar's fate was uncertain. A top aide to Vice President Alexander V. Rutskoi, who has emerged as a key centrist opponent of the reforms, predicted that the government would squeak through because conservatives do not want responsibility for the worsening economy during the next few months

Mr. Yeltsin's program has brought sprouts of free enterprise and more goods to stores but also has resulted in plunging industrial producthis year and the threat of widespread uncui-

Given the high stakes for this Congress, Tuesday's meeting seemed flat in comparison with the meeting last April, when high emotions over the still-new reforms reigned. Many depu-ties Tuesday, like most Russians, seemed to accept that the free-market program should continue, with debate focusing on their pace and the extent of government control.

Some deputies plaintively said that they did not want the instability that a change of prime minister and cabinet would bring, but needed to bring home to their constituents some "correction" that would promise an end to the current economic hardships.

Mr. Yeltsin acknowledged in his speech that

the reforms have made life harder for Russians. But he said that interference by the parliament since the program began in January has only made things worse.

"It seems that some deputies are not really concerned about the country," be said, "but only about how to impose their will." He warned that confrontation may lead to "politi-cal hysteria," "chaos" and "ruthless civil war."

"Russia needs a respite for at least a year or two," he said. To provide for such a respite, Mr. Yeltsin proposed that the Congress yield to him in matters of economic policy and preserve his powers to appoint his own cabinet.

Mr. Yeltsin bid for centrists' support with a

strong call for an industrial policy to protect the old giants of state enterprise as well as budding entrepreneurs.

We favor a strict and coherent state and industrial policy that would lead us along a golden path between the freedoms of the market and a regulatory role for the state," he said.
"In the period of building a market economy, we need a well-considered protectionism."

The president also urged the Congress to legalize private ownership of land, which he called essential to agricultural reform, and to

schedule a referendum on a new constitution. Russia operates under a constitution approved when it was one of the 15 Soviet republics.

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Greenpeace Stops Pursuit of Ship

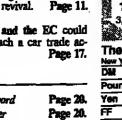
rying 1.7 tons of highly toxic plutonium, saying that the tug tracking the freighter was running low on fuel near the Cape of Good

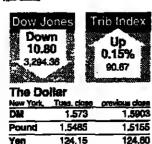
PARIS (AP) — Greenpeace abandoned on Tuesday its global pursuit of the Japanese freighter Akatsuki Maru, which is careast of Durban, South Africa, said a crew member. "Our fuel consumption has been about 50 to 60 percent more than we thought," she said.

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Business/Finance Fresh signs of U.S. economic revival. Page 11. Page 2 Japan and the EC could For the Cliston camp and cabinet-post hopefuls, sinot reach a car trade accord.

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Capital's Contribution to Art: Spy Nest in a Gallery

By Joel Achenbach neton Post Service

WASHINGTON - Quaint, charming, the old stone building called the Art Barn in Rock Creek Park here has for many years been a place where struggling artists could exhibit their works. Until recently, it was also a place where American spies monitored nearby Communist embassies, using surveillance equipment in the attic. The gadgets were stowed behind a false wall

in an area once used as a coop for homing pigeons, the Art Barn's director, Ann Rushforth, said. Government agents - Ms. Rushforth said she believes they were from the CIA - periodically appeared, climbed a narrow stainwell to the attic, removed storage materials in front of the false wall and entered the listening post through a trapdoor. The agents were targeting the Hungarian Embassy directly across the street and the Czechoslovakian bassy farther up the bill, she said.

all the wires and equipment, and the Art Barn's role in the Cold War came to an end. "We always knew which guys were the CIA

guys because they always wore sunglasses indoors, had real sharp creases in their pants, short haircuts and shiny shoes," Ms. Rushforth

The story broke in an unusual fashion: by invitation only. The Art Barn Association — a nonprofit group that uses the gallery to show paintings, sculptures and crafts by local and "emerging" artists — is holding a \$50-perperson fund-raiser Tuesday night at the Spy Club in downtown Washington.

The invitations featured a startling explanation of why that nightclub was chosen for the

"In honor of the end of the Cold War, we are holding our benefit festivities at the Spy Club to celebrate an end to the Art Barn's years of dedicated service to the Central Intelligence Agency. It is a little known fact that until very ... About six months ago, the agents polled out retently, the Art Barn's attic housed surveil-

bors. Now in the new era of Glasmost (sic) we welcome all our friends and neighbors to come share this evening of intrigue and art." "Good grief!" said the CIA spokesman, Pe-

ter Earnest, when he learned of the invitation. But he said the agency doesn't do this sort of thing - in the United States. "We have no domestic responsibilities, We

do not have domestic counterintelligence responsibilities," he said.

He referred questions to the FBI, which is supposed to handle any government surveil-lance operation inside the United States. The FBI spokesman, Nestor Michnyak, said, "We wouldn't confirm or deny anything like that."

The FBI did recently confirm that it continues to conduct counterintelligence operations outside the Russian Embassy to identify spies

coming and going.

At the Art Barn, the agents in the neatly creased pants would flash their badges quickly, too fast to read, said Ms. Rushforth. It was her

from the FBL

Whoever the spies may have been, no one seems too distressed about the matter. The Art Barn's president, Thomas West, said Monday he did not see anything wrong with the U.S. government running a spy operation out of a facility dedicated to the more pacific enterprise of artistry: "Number one, that kind of activity went on all the time, I'm just assuming, by both parties. Who knows what kind of listening equipment the Hungarian Embassy has in their own facility? Number two, the building is government property.'

The barn is a carriage house built in 1810. The Art Barn Gallery is granted free use of the building by the National Park Service. "We, as an arts organization, always felt guilty about housing it," Ms. Rushforth said of the spy nest, "but we didn't have any choice about it because the building actually belonged to the

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Patten Sticks to Hong Kong Reforms as Legislature Wavers

By Barbara Basler New York Times Service

HONG KONG - Governor Christopher Patten resolutely refused to back down on Tuesday from his plans for democratic reform here, even as the local stock market plunged in the face of another belligerent threat from China, which is furious with the Hong Kong government for proposing the political changes.

The British colony will revert to Chinese control in 1997, and the Chinese have persistently sought to limit any democratic changes before the takeover, although Britain has promised Hong Kong it would

support for the plans and force the governor to withdraw them.

On Monday, Beijing declared that after the takeover, it would ignore any leases. contracts or agreements signed by the Hong Kong government, unless the con-tracts had been explicitly approved by Chi-

A leading newspaper called the threat "a clear signal of China's determination to destroy the governor's personal credibility, even if it means undermining the authority of the Hong Kong government."

institute reforms.

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up a barrage of threats and angry denunci- ed that all contracts valid before the hand- cil for final approval by the end of Februations, in an attempt to undermine local ing over would be valid after 1997, unless any they contradicted the Basic Law, China's

> about this latest threat, nervous investors approval to only a few weeks ago were began selling off stocks, with the market suddenly whipped off the table. I think the losing 400 points before closing down council would find that an astonishing 308.92, a 5 percent loss for the day.

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his proposals before the Legislative Coun-counter proposals.

When asked by a legislator if he would blueprint for governing Hong Kong after consider withdrawing his plans and negoti-1997. consider with China, Mr. Patten responded While analysts and businessmen were forcefully, "I think this council would be divided on just how serious China was surprised if proposals which it gave broad

As the market dropped, Mr. Patten went before the Legislative Council to brief the changes he has proposed would not wiolate the Basic Law, a contention the Chinese angrily dispute.

The Chinese have refused to negotiate

But the governor declared be would put with Mr. Patten, and have offered no and could even throw into question Brit-

Mr. Patten on Tuesday repeatedly stated his willingness to "talk to anybody or to consider any reasonable ideas," on his pro-

Members of the Legislative Council, who two weeks ago voted 32 to 21 to voice their general support of Mr. Patten's democratic proposals, have begun to back away as China's opposition has continued and

Indeed, some analysts are predicting that the council, which is weighted with conservative businessmen who routinely prefer to appease China, will vote down the proposals. Such a vote, would, in effect, make Mr. Patten a lame duck governor, ain's continued sovereignty.

WORLD BRIEFS

Navy Trial Doubted Over Saratoga

NAPLES — (AP) A top U.S. Navy official said Tuesday that five officers and three sailors from the aircraft carrier Saratoga risked administrative punishment over the missile firing that killed five Turkish sailors during a NATO exercise in October.

The announcement, by Admiral Mike Boorda, commander of U.S. Naval Forces Europe, indicated in effect rejection of Turkey's call for a court-martial for the firing that hit the bridge of a Turkish destroyer in the Aegean Sea.

Navy officials who released a navy court of inquiry's findings at a news conference at NATO offices here declined to identify the eight people facing possible administrative punishment, but military sources in Washington said one of them was Captain James M. Drager, the Saratoga's commander. The hearing, to take place in a few days, could result in an official letter of reprimand that could effectively end the eight navy

Opposition Rejects Mitterrand Plan

PARIS (Reuters) - The conservative opposition dismissed President François Mitterrand's constitutional reform proposals on Tuesday as an attempt to distract voters from the governing Socialist Party's scandals

Opposition parties said they would boycott a consultative committee that Mr. Mitterrand plans to create to draft changes by Feb. 15, five weeks before parliamentary elections. On Monday, Mr. Mitterrand proposed the most far-reaching revision of the constitution since de Gaulle wrote it and created the Fifth Republic in 1958, Among his proposals were granting parliament more power and reducing the presi-dential term to six years from seven.

"Mr. Mitterrand is inviting us to play games when France is in a real moral, economic and social crisis and the people have other concerns," said Jacones Toubon, a member of the Rally for the Republic. "We won't follow him onto this ground, and if he invites us we will not sit on the

Plea for More Funds to Prevent AIDS

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - World experts on AIDS fear the disease could run out of control by the end of the century and are pleading with governments to spend billions of dollars more for prevention as the only

practical way to stop it.
On Tuesday, World AIDS Day, the Global AIDS Policy Coalition centered at Harvard University reported there are signs the disease is entering a new, more dangerous phase because many countries are

becoming complacent and denying the size of the problem.
"Nobody believes what we are doing now will bring the epidemic under control," said Dr. Jonathan Mann, the coalition coordinator, who has predicted that the number of people infected with the AIDS virus could reach 110 million by the year 2000.

UNITA Takes Cities in North Angola

LUANDA, Angola (Renters) — The Angolan government said Tuesday it had lost control of two strategie northern cities to UNITA rebels and warned the nation it was on the brink of renewed civil war. State-run radio, confirming reports by witnesses, said Uige, 300 kilometers (180 miles) northeast of Luanda, and the nearby city of Negage with its important air base, were both in UNITA hands after two days of

fighting.

The radio added that while the police had driven back forces of The radio added that while the police had driven back forces of Angola about UNITA, the National Union for the Total Liberation of Angola, about 20 kilometers from the northwestern oil town of Soyo, the rebels were massing elsewhere in Zaire Province for an expected attack on the provincial capital, M'Banza Congo.

A Suspect Plant in North Korea

SEOUL (AP) - North Korea has sought to camouflage a building under construction near a mountainside nuclear complex, intelligence sources said Tuesday. One source said the concealed site could be a

to achieve while powerful elements of the Thai military and businessmen are benefiting from trade with the muerilles. weapons grade plutonium plant.

The Western and South Korean sources said that new U.S. satellite photographs show recent construction outside the Yongbyon mulear

South Korean and Western officials believe the hard-line Communist regime is trying to conceal an atomic bomb program at Youghyou, despite denials by North Korean leaders and a partial opening this year to international inspectors.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Three Norwegian maritime unions went on strike Tuesday, halting some international passenger ferries. The strike, caused by a dispute over wages and pensions, could halve Norway's oil output if it lasts for a week or so as three major oil fields would be forced to close for lack of oil storage space. Ferry routes such as Oslo-Kiel in Germany and Bergen-Newcastle

in England were halted. sian sir controllers backed down from confrontation with the government Tuesday, calling off a potentially damaging national strike at

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the last moment. A union spokesman said the action was postponed after the last moment. A union spokesman said the action was postponed after the government promised to try and stop legal proceedings against members who took part in a strike in August.

(Reuters)

China inaugurated a rail link stretching across Asia to Europe on Tuesday, saying it would be a huge boost to trade and cut thousands of miles off sea transport routes. The official Xinhua news agency said a cargo train left the Chinese port of Lianyugang in Jiangsu Province, beginning a 10,900-kilometer (6,700-mile) journey through Central on its way to Rotterdam. on its way to Rotterdam.

Japan Air Lines unveiled a frequent flyer program on flights out of Japan and Europe. Passengers who buy first class and business class JAL Japan and Europe. Passengers who buy first casts and outsidess cases of tickets for Japan at European gateways can accumulate mileage points if they are residents of European, Middle Eastern or African countries. JAL will award benefits including free tickets from Europe to Hawaii and free accommodation in JAL hotels in Europe.

(Bloomberg)

Amtrak has begun testing a high-speed train in its efforts to cut the travel time on the busy Boston-New York-Washington corridor. The train, which can reach speeds of about 155 miles an hour (250 kilometers an hour) on conventional track, is being put through its paces on a 68-mile stretch between Philadelphia and Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Passengers on the public-owned railroad will get a chance to try the train on

Amtrak's New York-to-Washington route by early February. (Reuters)

Women-only carriages made their debut in Seoul on the underground
Tuesday. The Korea National Railroad announced men would be excluded from the front and rear carriages on several train routes in order to protect women from increasing reports of sexual molestation. (Readers)
Taiwan was issuing visas to South Korean travelers Tuesday following a
suspension of more than two months after Seoul established diplomatic

relations with Beijing. The Scoul office of Taiwan's Tourism Bureau is issuing the visas, formerly issued by Taiwan's embassy in Scoul. (AP) burg, becoming the first Gulf carrier to fly to South Africa, a country that until recently has been under embargo by Arab states. (AFP)

House Team Warns Chinese on Rights

By Lena H. Sun Washington Part Service
BEIJING — The first U.S. congressional delegation to visit China since Bill Clinton was elected president has called for more dialogue between Washington and Beijing, but warned Chinese leaders that they must improve their human-

rights record to maintain favorable trade status with the United States. Representative Patricia Schroeder, Democrat of Colorado, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, said that she and two other committee Democrats supported a resumption of highlevel U.S. military exchanges with China. The ban on military exchanges is one of the few remaining sanctions of those imposed in 1989, after the army cracked down on pro-democracy demonstrators.

At the same time, the delegation told the Chinese Communist Party chief, Jiang Zemin, and other Chinese leaders that a new American president and a new Congress will mean a change in U.S. policy.

"There's no longer President Bush standing there with his veto shield to stop anything coming their way," she said, referring to the annual congressional vote on mostfavored-nation status. Many members of Congress support linking China's status with human-rights conditions, something China has

said it would not accept.

China wants to see more mutual trust and fewer problems, more cooperation and no confrontation' with the United States, the official Xinhua news agency quoted Mr. Jiang as telling Representative Schroeder and two other Democratic representatives, Frank Mc-Closkey of Indiana and Solomon

and the fall of the central government.

will begin construction Sunday.

Hindus to Build Temple

Despite India Court Ruling

New York Thnes Service

its gravest political crisis in 18 months, Hindu fundamentalists said

Tuesday that they would disobey a supreme court injunction and begin

building a Hindu temple on a spot now occupied by a 16th century

· A similar, although unsuccessful, effort in 1990 led to several deaths

For months, Hindu fundamentalists have been threatening to begin work on a temple in the northern town of Ayodhya. They now say they

fitfully over the last 90 days, collapsed earlier this month.

NEW DELHI —In what threatens to catapult India's government into

diate release of prisoners charged with nonviolent crimes and an am-nesty for political prisoners. But Chinese officials gave no sign that they would take any significant measures, Mr. McCloskey said.

This visit and one that started on Tuesday — by a delegation headed by Senator David L. Boren, chair-man of the Senate Intelligence Committee, and Senator Claiborne Pell, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee — come at a time when Chinese officials appear to be even less responsive than usual in talking with U.S. counterparts about human rights.

This is an apparent reaction to Bush's recent decision to sell F-16 fighter jets to Taiwan. The Chinese expressed their displeasure over the F-16 sale to Representative Schroeder's delegation, but made no threats, she said.

■ Beijing Protests Hills Trip China has accused the United States of violating a pledge not to send high-level officials to Taiwan by dispatching Carla Hills, the U.S. Reuters reported from Beijing.

Mrs. Hills arrived in Taipei on Monday, the first cabinet-level of-ficial to go there since Washington switched diplomatie recognition from Taipei to Beijing in 1979, Chi-na's Xinhua news agency, in a re-port from Washington, said the United States had again broken its word to Beijing by approving her

This obviously is in violation of the U.S. government commitment banning ranking officials from visiting Taiwan, part of the People's Republic of China," Xinhua said.

Cambodia Says UN Move Is Too Weak continue preparing for free and fair elections throughout Cambodia beabout the Paris agreement," he fore May 1993 - with or without said. "This is a very strategic area. That cooperation is crucial to the

sive by the guerrillas that could plunge the country into civil war

new incentives to businessmen.

The Security Council on Mon-day passed a resolution banning oil imports and lumber exports from rejoin the Cambodian peace process, which is being supervised by a huge international operation.

The resolution, adopted Monday by the Security Council with only China abstaining, also threatens to treeze Khmer Rouge assets held abroad and embargo exploitation of Cambodia's gens and minerals from Khmer Rouge areas. The guerrilla group makes tens of mil-lions of dollars a year trading from its zones bordering Thailand.

PHNOM PENH — The Cambodian government said Tuesday that an oil embargo against the Khmer Rouge imposed by the United Nations Security Council did not go far enough and warned of an offen-

And in Bangkok, Thai sources

Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao has encouraged negotiations between Hindu and Muslim leaders. Those talks, which took place only

the officers as saying.

bling guerrillas in the disputed cen-should prepare for a mock repatria-

CAPITAL FORMATION - A man pawning a piece of silver Tuesday in Beijing at the the city's first pawn shop in over 40 years.

said the Khmer Rouge guernillas had prepared for the UN sanctions by stockpiling hundreds of tons of rice and other food and offering

It also said the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia should

tral province of Kompong Thom in 'tion of their equipment if sanctions soon that reversed an earlier appreparation for trying to take convere imposed. The equipment proval of a list of flights from would then be allowed to be smugproval of a list of flights from Cambodia. (AFP, Reuters) ARMS: Unease in Asia Over Growing Chinese Power

If they can occupy Kompong Thom, that would give them the strategic advantage and they can

launch an offensive to take over all

In Bangkok, a Thai Army officer said that in the past two weeks, in anticipation of sanctions, the guer-

rillas had stocked hundreds of tons

of rice and other food at their head-

quarters in Pailin; opposite Thai-

The manager of a gem-mining company working around Palin said in a telephone interview that

Thai Army officers had said they

land's Chantaburi Province.

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the Khmer Rouge participation.
Uch Kim An, a senior govern-ment adviser and deputy minister,

said "these kind of soft sanctions

are quite welcome, but of course we would like to see sanctions com-

measurate to the extent of the

Khmer Rouge violations" of the

peace treaty ending the civil war.

For the immediate future there

might not be any effect on the

Khmer Rouge because already they

have accumulated supplies to be

used for many more years," he said.

"They have been preparing for war for a long time." He said the faction was assem-

power of its armed forces so that they can be rapidly deployed anywhere in the East Asian region. Southeast Asian countries are particularly concerned at the buildup of Chinese forces in, or close to, the South China Sea, apparently in readiness to back Beijing's claims to the disputed Spratly Islands and surrounding scabed that may contain extensive oil and

The islands, far closer to Southeast Asia than to mainland China, are claimed in whole or part by China, Taiwan, Vietnam, Malaysia, the Philippines and Brunei, All the claimants, except Brunei, have put

troops on the islands they control. Analysts said that China would soon base 24 Su-27 jet fighters, bought recently from Russia, on Hainan Island in the South China Sea, which has become an important naval base.

They said that deployment of new midair refueling tankers from Zhanjiang in southern China would enable the Su-27s and other Chinese combat aircraft to support any naval and amphibious operations in

Derek da Cunha, a fellow of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore, said that Beijing had concluded an agreement with Moscow earlier this year for 70 more Su-27s and 50 MiG-31 high-altitude

He said Beijing had also expressed interest in so they get very strong econom quining Kilo-class submarines from Russia as well as force to he reckoned with."

To-26 Backfire bombers for long-range maritime strike operations, as an alternative to use of aircraft

the guerrillas.

The Thai government, mean-while, barred scheduled UN flights

A political analyst with the UN

Transitional Authority in Cambo-dia said he suspected Thailand was

responding to the sanctions deci-

Eric Falt, spokesman for the UN

peacekeeping operation in Cambo-dia, said the ban was a Thai deci-

from Cambodia on Tuesday.

If China goes ahead with these purchases, Mr. da Cunha said, "it could well lead to a noticeable tilt in the East Asian military balance in favor of the Chinese that would prompt other Asian countries to intensify arms purchases.

David Shambaugh, senior lecturer in Chinese poli-

tics at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, said China's assurances to its Asian neighbors that it was not seeking regional dominance were not "matched by its order-of-battle and military doctrine for fighting low-intensity conflicts, nor by its aggressive stances" in the area.

In February, China proclaimed the Sprattys as Chinese territory and reserved the right to use military force to protect its claim. Speaking at a meeting of the Foreign Correspondents' Association in Singapore, Mr. Yeo said that as a result of China's "assertiveness" over the Sprathys, Southeast Asian nations had become doubtful about

Beijing's willingness to "abide by internationally acceptable codes of conduct." Najib Razak, the Malaysian defense minister, said

recently that in the short term China was concentrating on its economic growth. But he cautioned that the Chinese might only be buying time and that "once they get very strong economically, then they will be a

BOOM: A 'Greater China' Is Emerging in a Regional Network of Trade and Investment

(Continued from page 1) the mainland. One of the biggest investors is a Thai conglomerate owned by ethnic Chinese, the Charoen Pokphand group, which has built more than 50 projects, includ-ing a molorcycle factory, a brewery and animal feed mills.

All this is bringing the overseas Chinese, traditionally a low-profile group, a new significance as the key players in an emerging Asian economic power center that transcends national boundaries. As they combine their financial

resources and business skills with the mainland's vast reservoir of cheap labor, land, natural resources and pent-up consumer demand, the Greater China that is emerging is increasingly being viewed as an important counterweight to Japan's economic clout in

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vibrant, closely integrated economic have little to lear from them, at my over the next 20 to 30 years, and least for now. it means there will be more of a balance in Asia economically," said best illustrated in the burgeoning Koh Boon Hwee, executive char-man of Wuthelam Holdings Ltd., a Houg Kong and China's southern Singapore-based conglomerate coastal provinces of Guangdong that is investing in a paint factory and Fujian. Economically, it is the

world's fastest-growing region. Nicholas Kwan, senior economist for the Asia-Pacific region at Despite continuing political tensions, economic links have mush-Merrill Lynch & Co., agreed. "It means that in Asia, aside from the Japanese, the dominant economic roomed, with three-way trade exceeding \$80 billion in 1991 and cross-border investments totaling force will be the Chinese." \$36.4 billion over the past dozen And this, some say, provides an years.

near Shanghai, among other things.

Hong Kong entrepreneurs have invested so much just over the boropening for U.S. economic power to reassert itself in Asia. If you ask Chinese, they generally say. We like to do business der in booming Guangdong — more than \$20 billion worth of hotels, apartments and factories makwith Americans more than Jananese," said Lawrence Shao-Liang ing everything from toys to cloth-Lin, a Taipei lawyer. "There's this ing to electronic goods — that five 'common enemy strategy. It's very implicit; you don't talk about it, of every six employees of Hong

but it's one of the undertones." The power of the emerging Greater China should not be exag-gerated. Chinese businesses tend to be modest-size enterprises, controlled by family patriarchs and mostly engaged in light manufac-turing retailing shipping and oth-er services. They tend to leap at ly, to the interior. quick profit opportunities rather than develop long-term strategic

Kong manufacturing companies are now mainland Chinese living in Moreover, the Greater Chinese web spreads well beyond the southeastern Chinese provinces and neighboring islands, extending north to Shanghai and, increasing-

Taken together, the combined gross domestic product of China, Taiwan and Hong Kong totaled

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would add more than \$100 billion their forebears emigrated. on top of that, according to one

There are about 55 million Chinese separated from the mainland by migrations, war, famine and revolution. Many retain a strong sense of their heritage and of ties to their ancestral villages. They play central roles in the

dynamic economies of Southeast Asia. In Thailand, where ethnic Chinese account for 10 percent of the population, nine of the 10 largest business groups are Chinese-owned; in Indonesia, where the population is 4 percent Chinese, all of the 10 largest are Chinese-owned. In Malaysia, about 30 per-cent of the population is Chinese, and their control over local business is so great that the government has mandated affirmative action

programs for the majority Malays. Now that Beijing is opening its territory to private investment, these Chinese capitalists are taking on their most important role yet.

Their business operations on the mainland far exceed those of the Japanese and other foreign compames, accounting for about 80 perplans. In general, Japanese and about \$626 billion in 1991, which cent of the foreign investment in U.S. high-tech companies seem to would constitute the world's sev- China. They are acting mainly for part from Beijing.

enth-largest economy. And that their own profit, but at least some sum doesn't count the output of the of their motivation derives from the companies controlled by overseas desire to receive a hero's welcome Chinese elsewhere in Asia, which in the towns from which they or "About a year ago, I was greeted

by several hundred schoolchildren,

a parade, firecrackers. It was like a royal visit," said Victor Fung, a Hong Kong executive whose family donated three schools to its ances tral village in southern China and is investing in some of the local businesses. "It was quite an emotional experience. You can multiply this story 10,000 times." Taiwan companies, which began investing on the mainland in the late 1980s, are starting to do so in a

big way despite legal requirements for much commerce to be conducted via third parties in Hong Kong. Taiwan companies are pouring as much as \$2.5 billion into the mainland this year, up from about \$1.4 billion in 1991. However rapidly China grows,

the role of the overseas Chinese seems almost certain to remain vital for a long while. Knowing the Chinese art of using guaras — personal connections — is essential for succeeding at business on the mainland, because government officials interpret roles as they see fit.

Lena Sun contributed to this re-

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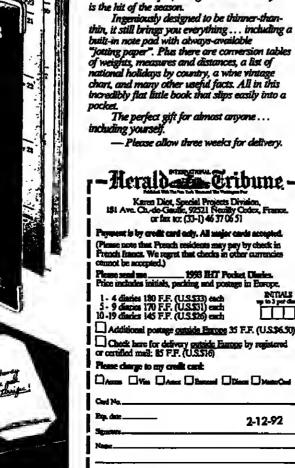
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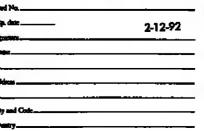
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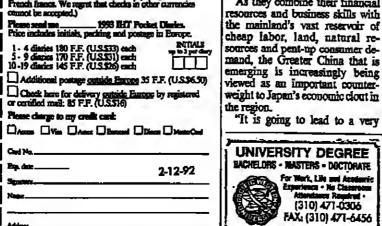
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Tsonges Says He Mishandled Health Issue

BOSTON — Confirming that he is facing a new battle with cancer, the former Massachusetts senator, Paul E. Tsongas, has conceded that his presidential campaign had mishandled questions on his health, and he called on President-elect Bill Clinton to set up a commission to determine what medical information candidates must

disclose.

Although some reporters knew he suffered a recurrence of cancer in 1987, less than a year after he had undergone a bone marrow transplant, his campaign should have made the point clear. Mr. Tsongas said. Instead, during his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination earlier this year, Mr. Tsongas said that he had conquered cancer and that his doctors described him as "cancer."

free," suggesting the transplant had been a success.

"We certainly have paid a price for that," Mr. Tsongas said

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Senate Panel Begins its Probe of Packwood

WASHINGTON - The Senate Select Committee on Ethics announced Tuesday that it had begun a preliminary inquiry into sexual harassment allegations against Senator Bob Packwood, Re-

The panel said that its staff had been instructed to gather information for presentation to the full committee. The committee chairman, Terry Sanford, Democrat of North Carolina, who was defeated for re-election, said he instructed the staff to begin gathering informa-

The committee sent a letter to Mr. Packwood inviting his response to allegations made by the Women's Equal Rights Legal Defense and Education Fund.

The announcement also said the panel had not yet determined whether there was adequate evidence to warrant an inquiry into allegations of improper sexual conduct by Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Democrat of Hawaii. Mr. Inouye's hair stylist has accused the senator of having sexually assaulted her 17 years ago, and a Hawaii state legislator has said she has additional names of women who allege improper sexual behavior by him.

A Cabinet Post for Hillary Clinton is illegal

WASHINGTON — There has been persistent speculation that Hillary Rodham Clinton may get a cabinet, subcabinet or other high position in the Clinton administration.

Many argue she has the qualifications. But there is a problem.

Federal law prohibits President-elect Bill Clinton from appointing his wife or any other family member to any executive branch job.

The Postal Revenue and Federal Salary Act of 1967 is also called the Robert F. Kennedy law because it was passed in response to President John F. Kennedy's appointment of his brother as attorney general. Using very broad language the 1967 law says that "a public official may not appoint, employ, promote, (or) advance" a relative in an agency "in which he is serving or over which he exercises invisible on or control."

jurisdiction or control." A "relative" under this law includes not only immediate family

but aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, in-laws, stepbrothers, half brothers and half sisters.

The purpose of the law is "to prevent a public official from appointing a relative to a position in the agency in which the public official serves or over which he exercises supervision."

The law applies to all agencies in the executive, legislative and indicial branches and specifically covers the president and vice

"The prohibition appears to extend throughout the executive branch," said Richard McGowan, spokesman for the Office of Personnel Management, not just to the senior-most positions. The law "would appear to rule out boards and commissions and virtually everything else," he said.

"We have never been asked for a written opinion on the subject,"
Mr. McGowan said. But he added, "We were asked about this during the Carter and Bush administrations regarding Rosalyan Carter and Marilyn Quayle serving on commissions, and the response was that it couldn't be done."

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Barbara Bush, answering reporters' questions about Hillary Clinton: "I wanted to talk to you about that. She was wonderful, really nice, and I hope you all treat her like you treated me. Wait until she makes her mistakes; you waited until I made mine. I mean, give her a

Away From Politics

Two U.S. Air Force C-141B cargo jets collided during a nighttime Canadian border, apparently killing all 13 people on board the planes. In western Texas, an air force B-1B bomber crashed during a training flight, and rescuers were searching for its four crew mem-

 Only about 3 percent of the federal employees who have been
offered no-cash, early-retirement packages this year, allowing them
to draw immediate pensions, have accepted the deals. Employees are cligible if they are age 50 with 20 years of service or any age with 25

 The Supreme Court overturned a convicted killer's death sente ruling that his sentencing trial in Arizona was tainted when the judge gave weight to vague claims that his crime was "especially heinous."
The justices, by an 8-to-1 vote, said officials must give the immate,
Willie Lee Richmond, a new sentencing trial or reduce his sentence. Stagnating family income, not just rising unition costs, has made the cost of higher education more difficult today than at any other time in the past two decades, Neil L. Rudenstine, the president of Harvard University, said in a speech at the National Press Club in Washington. From 1980 to 1991, college unition rose by 135 percent, while family income rose by 67 percent.

Several million college students would get a reduced rate on their college loans if they made monthly payments on time under a new program announced by the Student Loan Marketing Association.
 Prompt payments on a \$20,000 loan would result in a saving of about \$985. On a \$5,000 loan it would be about \$250.

Unusually low temperatures, in the 40s Fahrenheit (4 to 10 degrees centigrade), and low winds were forecast in Cape Canaveral, Florida, and could delay liftoff of the space shuttle Discovery. Officials said such a combination could cause ice to form on the fuel tank.

• An 18-year-old woman was scatteneed in Mineola, New York, to 5 to 15 years in prison for shooting the wife of a man who had been her lover. The woman, Amy Fisher, had pleaded guilty to assault in the shooting of Mary Jo Buttafuoco, 37, who was left partially para-

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Bill Cliaton stopping to talk with an AIDS sufferer during a morning jog in Summerland, California.

Clinton's High-Speed Vacation

By Michael Kelly New York Times Service

SANTA BARBARA, California - What is it with

presidents these days?

The first to fall to whatever afflicts them was George Bush. He seemed, at first, an unexceptional man in his habits of relaxation. He liked to fish a little, or play horseshoes or golf, or jog, or go out for Chinese food, or mess around in his boat.

Soon, though, it became clear that the president was a bit musual. He liked to do all these things at the same time. It was said, wonderingly, that be was the most frenetic president the nation had ever seen. But Bill Clinton may end up making George Bush

look like a shut-in.

Last weekend, Mr. Clinton was here to rest and relax after grueling year of 16-hour workdays.

Here is what he did:

Day 1. Flew to Los Angeles. Stopped to shake hands airport. Visited Ronald Reagan for an hour. Posed for photographs. Stopped to talk to reporters. Spent two hours shaking hands, signing autographs and otherwise working through a crowd of 30,000 m a suburban shopping mall. Did a little shopping and tossed a football around in the mall. Drove to Sum.

mason at an oceanside estate.

Day 2. Took his daughter, Chelsen, horseback ridFlew to Little Rock. ing Ran on the beach. Played volleyball. Posed for

snapshots. Shook hands. Signed autographs. Put on a tuxedo, flew to Pasadena with his begowned wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, to attend a starry (Robert Wagner, Jill St. John, Dionne Warwick, John Ritter) black-tie birthday party for Mr. Thomason. Partied ontil early in the morning ("I think he was the last to leave," said Mr. Clinton's mother, Virginia Kelley, who was also a guest). Ordered pizza from room

Day 3, Awoke at 9 A.M. Are brunch with friends in the hotel restaurant. At 11:25 A.M. shook hands and signed autographs. Drove back to Summerland, where he played host at an afternoon barbeene at the Thomason place for 80 friends from Arkansas who had dropped by in four chartered buses. At 7:30 P.M., went with his family and the Thomasons to the Nugget Bar & Grill, hared by reports that the owner, Doug Taylor, had a saxophone for him to play. Ate a hamburger and drank a Moosehead draft beer. Shook hands of several dozen people.

Day 4. Went for an early morning jog, ducking briefly into the Pacific Grill ("Home of the World-Famous Buffalo Bill Burgers," according to its sign). Stopped on the way back to antograph a sign hanging on the wall of an estate next to the Thomasons'. Left meriand, next to Santa Barbara, to stay with his home 45 minutes later to play a round of golf at the triends Harry Thomason and Linda Bloodworth-The-Sandpiper Course, Shook trands. Signed autographs. Drove to the Santa Barbara airport. Shook hands.

Silently Seeking a Cabinet Post For Hopefuls and Clinton, Mum's the Word

By Richard L. Berke New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Beyond the talents required for high government employment, the people who want to work for Bill Clinton need a particularly rare skill: the ability to broadcast their interest without making noise.

The president-elect and his aides have put out the word that those who are too open in campaigning for posts in the new administration will be disappointed.

That explains why some leading

Democratic politicians are fighting their natural talkative impulses and slipping in and out of Little Rock. Arkansas, without so much as a picture-taking session.

Even the people conducting background checks have been made to sign confidentiality pledges.
"The less said the better," said

George Stephanopoulos, Mr. Clinton's spokesman. "We're trying to preserve people's privacy and the governor's flexibility."

The speculation will probably be heightened next week, as Mr. Clinton's flexibility."

ton plans to return to Washington on Monday and Tuesday to meet with newly elected members of Congress, among others, his aides

The only way anyone knew that Arizona was meeting with Mr. Clinton last week was that he was spotted going through the lobby of The Capital Hotel in Little Rock.

He agreed to have dinner with a group of reporters, and was as vol-uble as always, until the conversation turned to things like the cabi-- the Interior Department or

chief of staff to be exact.
Suddenly, Mr. Babbitt was
speechless. Pressed for details, he
said only: "We had a good talk. We talked about an hour. Beyond that, I'm as mum as the rest of them."

Senator Lloyd Bentsen of Texas fed speculation about his prospects for Treasury secretary when he slipped in and out of Little Rock last week without saying a word to reporters, or, apparently, even to his press secretary.

"Twe heard zip," said Jack R. DeVore Jr., Mr. Bentsen's spokesman. "First time in 21 years."

"The worst thing for anyone at this stage would be to talk too much to the press," Mr. DeVore said. "There are jerks who make careers, or at least enhance their careers, by getting a drumbeat in the press going that they're up for a

ence and say they turned down a mystified when four of Mr. Cliniob that they were never offered." mystified when four of Mr. Cliniob that they were never offered."

Yet some people cannot always speak as scheduled: Robert E Ru-help themselves. Richard D. bin, Roger Alıman, Ira Magaziner Turner of the South Shore Bank of and Robert Shapiro. Chicago, had a public relations company call reporters in Wash- of Clinton economic advisers-who ington last week to alert them that he was being interviewed by transition officials to head the Small siness Administration and was E Texans' Fears on Bentsen

available to chat with reporters. But perhaps someone warned Mr. Turner to lower his profile a bit because the public relations company abruptly canceled the inter-views, and Mr. Turner was no long-er taking calls.

And George McGovern, the Democratic presidential nominee in 1972, probably did himself little good when he let it be known last week that a high-ranking Clinton aide put his name under consideration for United Nations ambassa-dor or agriculture secretary.

On the other end of the spectrum are would-be appointees who may be afraid to say anything. At a recent conference in Washington sponsored by the Economic Policy Institute, many participants were

The only one from the top team spoke as schednled was Derek

Shearer of Occidental College-

The prospect that Mr. Bentsen could be named secretary of the Treasury has triggered alarm in the Texas Democratic Party, where leaders fear they would lose the Mr. Beutsen's Senate seat to the Republicans, the Los Angeles Times re-

Also, Governor Ann Richards is known to be worried that if Mr. Bentsen resigns his position as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Texas would lose its strong congressional advocate on major government projects.

Although the governor's a insist that she is not trying to block Mr. Bentsen's cabinet appoint-ment, sources said she had con-



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Christmas Target Discussed For Some Cabinet Positions

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas — Bill Clinton hopes to have a "fair amount" of his cabinet positions filled by Christmas, an aide said Tuesday as the president-elect resumed work on building an administra-

Mr. Clinton, who campaigned on promises to improve the nation's economic ills, will also spend time on foreign affairs this week, speaking to Latin American leaders Tuesday and Caribbean leaders Wednesday.

But Mr. Clinton is being careful not to undermine President George
Bush's efforts abroad, according to the press spokesman, George Stephanopoulos. He said Mr. Clinton generally supported the Bush administration's offer to send troops to Somalia.

"We want to make sure there is no mistake around the world who is in
charge," the spokesman said. "That is President Bush."

The first cabinet members could be announced by Mr. Clinton next
week, Mr. Stephanopoulos said. "Hopefully, we'll have a fair amount of
the cabinet positions done by Christmas," he said.

the said the transition team was encouraged by figures Tuesday
showing that the Index of Leading Economic Indicators rose by 0.4
percent. "But as you know," he said, "we just can't tell yet whether we'll
have sustained growth."

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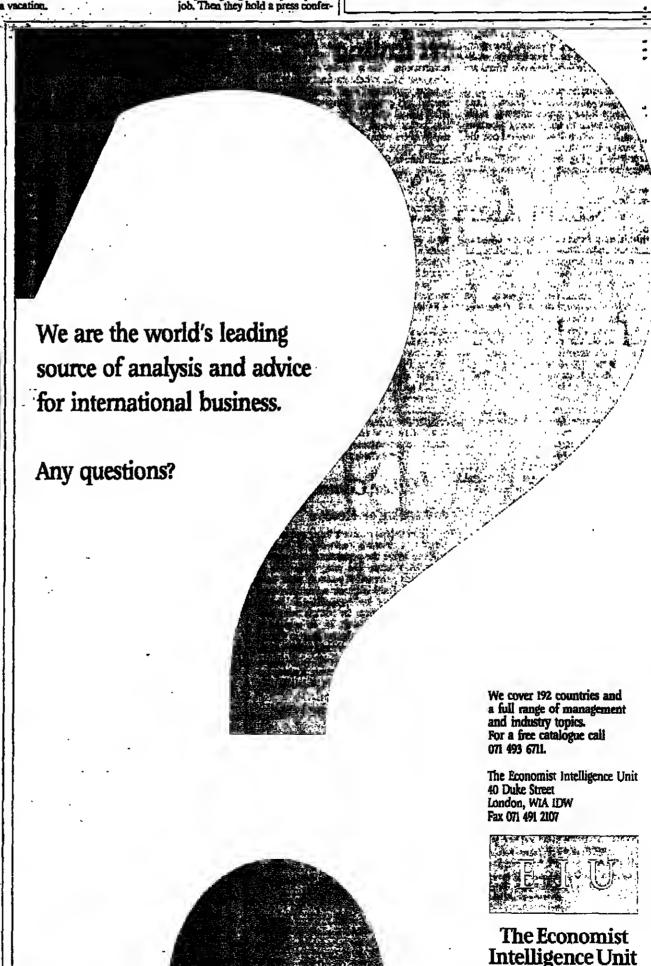
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Do It Right in Somalia

George Bush is right to offer as many as 20,000 U.S. troops to a United Nations rescue operation in Somalia. The realities there are ghastly, and the choices limited. Famine and a chaotic clan war have put an entire people in peril. It is intolerable and unthinkable to remain aloof while teenage hoodlums impede the delivery of emergency food and medicines.

. A thousand or more people are dying every day, and up to 2 million more lives are at risk. As Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali soberly informed the United Nations on Monday, there is no alternative to the threat or use of force if food is to reach those trapped in a chaotic clan war.

Yet there is also a need to do it right. Somalia is not the only humanitarian crisis; think of Bosnia or Liberia or Sudan. The danger is that a well-intended but ill-planned operation in Somalia could fix the wrong kind of precedent or, even worse, backfire. A very big operation has been spring on Americans during a distracting holiday, without a clear statement of short- and long-term goals. It is happening without adequate consultation with Congress or President-elect Bill Clinton.

Fortunately, President Bush still has time to repair these deficiencies, thereby doing right for posterity as well as for Somalia.

Specifically, he can: Define a principle for humanitarian intervention. Military intervention is justifiable in Somalia not simply because civil order has collapsed or because force is more likely to succeed against Somalia's youthful looters than against, say, Serbian-trained irregulars in Bosnia. Rather, collective use of force is needed because famine threatens an entire population, all other peacekeeping efforts have failed, and a rapid response is imperative.

Set a timetable. The way to avoid a dreaded quagmire is to fix a deadline for renewal of troop authorizations that are written into any Security Council resolution. This accords with the secretary-general's own proference for a brief intervention followed by conventional peacekeeping operations.

Sign up more ollies. It is said that Canada

and Pakistan have already agreed to join a UN-sanctioned rescue under U.S. command. The Europeans and other African states should be enlisted as well. Given Somalia's bitter colonial legacy, an intervention dominated by Americans would carry huge political risks, and meager rewards.

Give the United Nations a bigger military role. Ideally, Somalia could be the testing ground for a gennine multinational opera-tion under UN command. No doubt Mr. Bush has judged it easier to get broad support at home by insisting on U.S. command in the field. That seems shortsighted. If Americans don't want to be the global cop, they will someday have to give the United Nations greater military anthority.

Mr. Butros Ghali is reconciled to a reasonable second-best solution: permit U.S. command, but require more accountability to the Security Council.

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Don't ignore Congress. Getting a nod
from leaders in Congress, as Mr. Bush has,
is no substitute for getting a mandate. The
president who sought legislative support for
Desert Storm now has a chance to do the same for rescue in Somalia.

Define the goals, now. The obvious and urgent short-term goal is humanitarian—to get food and medical supplies to those who need it. This leads inescapably to a wider goal of disarming the warring fac-tions so that, even after foreign forces de-part, food can be distributed. The best approach would be to buy the arms. Mr. tros Ghali has called for forcible disarmament if necessary — a step that would require hard thought by American leaders.

The long-term goal is for the United Nations to help Somalis build a new society. If other countries believe that such a purpose is neither feasible nor desirable, better to air the arguments now rather than incur reproaches later.

President Bush has an opportunity, in his

waning days in office, to sort out the an-guishing dilemmas posed by an unruly world and define America's role therein. That would wrest something positive from

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Twin Troubles in the Gulf

effort to get out from under its arms control obligations to the United Nations, It wants the international blockade to be ended without having to accept the reporting and inonitoring provisions that the international coalition set as its price for a Gulf War cease-fire. Fortunately, the Security Coun-cil rejected the Iraqi attempt to open up for negotiations an issue, the blockade, whose terms the council had already established.

The blockade will continue. It is onerous and impinges on the comfort and even the health of the Iraqi people, but that is be-cause Saddam Hussein chooses to make it so. He could gain immediate relief for his subjects by taking up a United Nations procedure allowing oil to be sold to finance civilian imports. But he refuses, pronouncing the reporting and monitoring conditions offensive, in fact, those conditions are an essential guarantee that Iraq will not

threaten its neighbors soon again.
In his pitch at the United Nations, Tariq Aziz, Iraq's deputy prime minister, made shrewd reference to the growing assertiveness of Iran, which Iraq punished but did not vanquish in their 1980-1988 war. His purpose in playing the "Iran card" was to induce an increasingly apprehensive West

to let Baghdad rebuild its strength as a Gulf counterweight to the Tehran regime. Can Saddam Hussein still think that the West can be manesswered into rendering some form of support for his rule? This is the path that the Resgan and Bush administrations followed until the very eve of his appression against Kuwait, Nothing could be more po-

bically poisonous or strategically foolish.

Undeniably, however, this stance calls the
West to the abiding strategic problem of
tending to a disorderly region whose immense oil reserves make preserving its stability a vital Western interest. The Bush administration responded bravely to one crisis. But it failed to shape a future policy that would either bring together (an unlikely prospect), balance off (a very tough job) or otherwise leash Iraqi power and Iraman power.

That leaves Washington with two broad

other countries, to hold the Gulf steady. The other is to restrain Gulf arms. This goes beyond UN policing measures in Iraq and international controls on rearming Iran. It also means sensible restraints on the arms that Western countries sell to friendly Saudi Arabia, whose huge postwar purchases also contribute to tension in the Gulf.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Storm Alert From Haiti

On Haiti's beaches, hundreds of small boats are under construction, preparing to sail in mid-January toward Florida. Those boats represent a disaster in the making. To avert it, President-elect Bill Clinton is going to have to speak to the subject of Haiti well before inauguration day. Otherwise he risks having the early days of his administration distracted by a flotilla of boats setting out on the unfounded hope that somehow the arrival of a new president

changes American immigration law.

Few of those boats will be equipped for a voyage of some 800 kilometers across open sca. To forestall another great wave of attempted emigration, ending in bitter disap-pointment for most and death by drowning for some, Mr. Clinton needs to convince Haitians that life is going to get better in their own country. For the small numbers who are eligible to enter the United States - those who are in danger of political persecution — the screening process needs to be carried out not at Guantanamo or on U.S. Coast Guard ships but in Haiti itself, at the same ports where those people are

now preparing to embark.

For the large majority who remain, two immediate steps are necessary. An increase in humanitarian aid, meaning food and medicine, is urgently needed to combat the widespread hunger. And it is essential to drop the embargo, which by this time is benefiting no one but the samugglers —who, incidentally, are frequently the same soldiers the embargo was intended to punish.

The next requirement is to establish a legitimate government. Haiti is in a state of anarchy; the elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, was thrown out of the country a year ago by a military mutiny. He remains popular with the poor, but since he

used organized mobs to intimidate opponeuts when he was in power many Haitians, including soldiers, fear that their own lives would be at risk if he returned.

The solution probably lies in returning to the accord worked out last February. Under it Father Aristide would remain abroad for the present but be recognized as legal president by a government run by a prime minis-ter chosen in consultation with him. While that accord collapsed last winter, it could be

that accord cottapaed tast winter, it could be revived if Mr. Clinton supported it. Haiti does not rank high among the world's geopolitical concerns, but the degree of its people's misery is a charge against its neighbors' consciences. The outgoing Bush administration and its successor have a responsibility to work together, audibly and visibly, to prevent another Haitian tragedy.

— THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

A Warning on Kosovo

A [Bosnis-like] assault is being prepared in Kosovo, a formerly autonomous Serbian province where the population is 90 percent Albanian Muslim. The many Albanians in responsible government positions have been replaced by Serbs. Kosovar cultural treasures have been seized and transported to Serbia. Figuratively speaking, the earth is being prepared for the scorching. So we appland a proposal by President George Bush to France and Britan that an international civilian monitoring force be sent to Kosovo. If Serbia attempts military action against Kosovo despite this warning. Serbia loses, because it risks spreading itself too thin.

- Los Angeles Times.

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OPINION

In Sarajevo Without Flak Jackets or Passage Out

S ARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — But if the water is cut for days and weeks, how

do you get some to drink and wash? Does your wife have to go out and stand at a tap?

For a moment I thought that the Bosnian official driving us through the streets while we crouched low against the snipers had not heard. But he had. He replied in sentences with such long pauses between them that they seemed almost different conventrations.

No. She does not. She does not go out. She is dead. Fifty-seven days, killed by a shell. Over there, It is a war. It will end. Ten, fifteen years." ing has ended already. Sarajevo has died, twice. The shells of Bosnian-Serbian artillery, the endless pop-pop of snipers in the streets, has killed Sarajevo as a living city.

Ghosts are left — ghosts of closed shops, blasted office buildings, pocked homes, listless walkers, in shattened streets.

The idea of Sarajevo — that has died, too. Its death will bring years of war to what once was Yugoelavia, and most likely will apread

wider and deeper in the Balkans. The idea simply was that people of different religious and backgrounds swept up in the same space on earth by history, migration, war, conquest, whatever, could actually work out political and human understandings that would permit them to forgo slaughtering each other and their restoors.

The people of the city, those who could not break through the Serbian siege, are being suitably punished for ever cherishing

other and their nations.

By A. M. Rosenthal

Sarajevo or the strange idea for which it stood and lived. Later - tomorrow, the next day, another column — there will be time enough to think through where justice lies in this death of the city and the rending of a

whole nation — if it matters.

For Bosnia's Muslims, the truth is that the Serbs, maddened by dreams of control over the entire hodgepodge that was Yugoslavia, slaughtered the Muslims, burned them out, imprisoned them — all to erase in Bosnia any vestige of Muslim separateness or memory.

For the Serbs, in Bosnia and in Serbia, the truth was that it was their Bosnia as well as the Muslims', but no, the Muslims would not have it that way and so schemed to create an independent country that would subjugate Serbs to Muslim domination.

For this difference in vision more than 100,000 people have died, mostly Bosnian Muslims, and a million or more Bosnians, Serbs, Croats are living as refugees, or pray-ing that they are lucky enough to become refugees. Scores of thousands of others are shivering in Serbian or Muslim prison camps, not believing that freedom is at hand but knowing that the cold death-bringing weather most certainly is.

Some things are clear. The Bosnian Muslims are the greatest sufferers by far. But hundreds of thousands of Serbs have fled

search of home and bowl. It is man-made disaster. It is a war not of religion but of hatred, deliberately spread by the leaders of the nations of the old Yugoslavia.

Most of them — not including the president of Muslim Bosnia — were Communist Party hacks. They understood that hate and ethnic fear were as good as communism to keep them in office. They were the people who brought devastation to the parts of the old Yugoslavia as they helped Tito bring tyranny to the whole of it. If there is a hero

among them, that fellow is hiding.

Should the West — meaning the United States — try to help effectively, which would mean military as well as humanitarian help? Or is it simply a reality that hatred and blood feud are not near running themselves out and that the best thing to do is provide food and

But there will be another day and another column to talk about that. Right now, in decent respect for the people who survive in Sarajevo, it is more appropriate to talk about the condition of their lives. The condition is fear.

God knows how many shells and bullets crack into this city every day. And of course everybody lives in knowledge that only He knows which one of the shells and the bullets in spent for which person and when it will arrive. Can the sniper really see you, even your face? The soldiers who fire the artillery shells may not see you but can they really see your their Bosnian homes and also wander in bitter car? And if they cannot see you or your car.

will you be killed by someone who does not

even know that you are there? Bravado is not armor. President Alija Izetbegovic stands facing the National Library, showing the ruin to Elie Wiesel, who has come to witness. Somebody points out that they are all in clear view of the very gunners who

blasted the library and suggests that maybe they ought to duck out. Everybody does. Sarajevo fear starts long before arrival. We were able to fly into Sarajevo because Mr. Wiesel's voice, determination and reputation moved United Nations officials, Serbs and

Bosnians to give permission.

They all said they would do their best to spread the word along the line of flight not to shoot at the UN plane. But of course it occurred to everybody to wonder whether the instructions got to every teenage irregular with a shoulder launcher and whether the notice would be a barrier to shooting or an attraction. UN officers said they could not answer that question. But they did provide flak jackets and helmets. They told us not to move any-where without them. They took us in armored cars from the airport to the city.

We saw along the way that the people of Sarajevo had neither flak jackets, helmets nor armored cars. Their leaders had not thought to provide them while they worked out Yugoslavia's destiny.

Neither did the people have something even more important in Sarajevo, the one sure guarantee of continued life — passage out. The New York Times.

In a Changed World, China Has to Get the Democratic Message

WASHINGTON — U.S. Trade By Andrew B. Brick that Chinese-American relations ap-

WASHINGTON — U.S. Trade
Representative Carla Hills arrived in Taipei on Monday; Commerce Secretary Barbara Franklin
will visit Beijing before Christmas.
Neither the timing nor the portfolios
of these official emissaries is accidental. Their messages ought also to be unambiguous: Just as the business of the post-Cold War era is free, fair and mutually beneficial trade, so, too, must its political bond be democracy.

Only when these parallel tracks converge will genuine and enduring friendship between the United States and China be possible. Taiwan has long since got the message. If China hopes to qualify for full membership in the emerging community of democracies, it must make the necessary political accommodations.

China used to be able to present itself to the West as the nonthreatening variety of a Communist system. But that time is past. It is now the only mature, nuclear-armed totalitarian regime left in the world.
For most of the 1980s, China was

militarily self-effacing, economically adventurous and relatively open to the outside world. It was no friend of the Soviet Union. And so the United States overlooked - or lacked the clarity of purpose to confront - China's grimmer side, notably its mili-tary trade with piranha states and an abominable human rights record. No more. The end of the Cold War and the collapse of the Soviet Union

pear bound to become more realistic, and markedly healthier, than at any time in decades. Strategically, China is less important to the West than it was, leaving Washington freer to hold Bei-jing responsible for its misdeeds. America is beginning to demand and secure hard-won conce

President George Bush's decision August to sell F-16 fighter jets to Taiwan was not just electoral pork-barreling. It was also a useful exercise in Pacific geopolitics. Wespons sales to Taipei send a signal that the military balance across the Taiwan Strait and in Asia as a whole must not tip too much toward Beijing.

And human rights considerations have become more prominent in U.S.-Chinese relations. After years of neglect, Washington now seeks to persuade Beijing that people have the right to be treated humanely by their government, and that ultimately the rule of law must be the benchmark if the two countries are to move from

relationship to friendship.

Mrs. Hills's arrival in Taipei is likewise long overdue. Politically isolated since the Carter administration abruptly ended formal diplomatic ties in 1979, Taiwan has had to establish amorthodox, ann's length rela-tions with the United States and European and Asian countries, Only 29 states officially recognize Taiwan.

setbacks this island controls \$86 billion in foreign currency reserves, commands a global economic presence far greater than its size and is rapidly becoming the first case of institutionalized democracy in Chinese history. Democratic change on Taiwan, no less than political repres-

sion on the mainland, has altered the arena in which American policy to-By TOM in Thos

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Factories in Guangdong Province ward China must operate. Taiwan is the model for all of China. operate through the night to mannfacture goods that will go on sale in Hong Kong the next day. Cellular phones in Fujian Province keep busi-The engine of change is a commer-cially borderless and increasingly inntial Greater China. It is an amalgam of economies that stretches from southern and coastal China, Taiwan nessmen connected with partners in Singapore. From Beijing to Bangkok, the market is recognized as the arbiand Hong Kong to diverse focal points of the Chinese diaspora ter of economic decision-making and around the Pacific Rim. Ch the generator of wealth. The free market now accounts for fully half of businesses are now astonishingly free of control by political authorities.

China's economic output. The dispatch by Mr. Bush of senior officials to Taipei and Beijing should he instructive for President-elect Bill Clinton. The new deal with China may conceivably be closed on his watch. He would do well to keep straight the distinctive character of the commercial and political tracks and to pursue them with separate but equal forcefulness.

As a country moves up the economic ladder, political freedoms al-most always follow. The prosperous, the ambitious and the educated demand them. No totalitarian regime has long co-existed with freewhe entrepreneurialism. For the United States, therefore, seeding and culti-vating the burgeoning Chinese marketplace is a win-win exercise. Not for the first time, the businessman promises to be the agent of America's national interest.

The writer, senior analyst for Asian affairs at the Heritage Foundation, contributed this comment to the Inter-

Schools in Japan, China, Taiwan Have Lessons to Teach America

WASHINGTON — Huge, rich and accustomed to thinking of itself as uniquely successful, the United States has never been good at learning from other countries. This can be a costly blind spot. Answers to many of the woes Americans are struggling to correct in their education system, argues Harold Steven-son, are evident in Asian classrooms. Mr. Stevenson, professor of psy-chology at the University of Michigan,

and his colleagues have spent more than a decade in a meticalous compar-ison of American, Japanese, Chinese and Taiwan classrooms. Choosing schools in similar-sized cities and students of comparable socioeconomic levels, and using tests in each language of the material in each curriculum, cir work confirms that the difference in academic achievement begins by first grade. By fifth grade, what was a narrow gap is a chasm.

By Jessica Mathews In math, only 1 percent of Chinese the school year is 60 days longer.

Students scored as low as the AmeriMothers of voungsters were ones-

can mean. Reading abilities were com-parable, although the Chinese stu-dents had had to learn thousands of characters and the Japanese the equi-valent of several Roman alphabets. Having confirmed what other stud-ies had shown, Mr. Stevenson asked why. The work involved hundreds of hours of classroom observation and hours of classroom observation and thousands of interviews of students, teachers and parents. His conclusions, summarized in the latest Scientific American, make fascinating reading. They shatter a lot of myths. Televi-sion watching is not crucial: Japanese students watch even more than do

Americans. Asian elementary schools are not grim drill shops. The school day is longer mostly because of nonacademic activities, although

Mothers of youngsters were ques-tioned about headaches, stomachaches and requests to stay home from school. Eleventh graders were asked about symptoms of tension, depression and academic anxiety. The interviews provide no evidence that Asian views provide no evidence that Asian children suffer excessive stress from their much tougher curriculum. To the contrary, Mr. Stevenson finds more student enthusiasm in Asia.

Some findings also highlight the obvious, American children do much less homework — about one-fourth as much as students in Taiwan and half as much as students in Taiwan and

half as much as those in Japan. And Americans spend less time reading for pleasure in the kindergarten to high school years. Chinese teachers were "incredu-lous" when the researchers described

how American teachers spend their day. "When, they asked, did the teachers prepare their lessons, consult with one another about teaching techniques, grade the students' pa-pers and work with individual stu-dents who were having difficulties?" American teachers spend nearly their whole day in charge of a class-room, and carry a heavy administra-tive burden to boot. Asian teachers spend only three to five hours that way. The rest of the day is spent in a teachers room in which each teacher has a deak piled with books and teaching materials where teachers prepare and collaborate.

American teachers, who work without the aid of national curriculum guidelines, must do the crucial lesson-planning alone, at home, after a full day's work. Their isolation from colleagues is a constant com-plaint. So is the lack of time or means to keep up with advances in know-ledge and teaching methods.

The Asian system does not require more money, because fresher, better prepared teachers are able to handle

prepared teachers are able to handle larger classes. Discipline is less of a problem, partly because there is more time for active play — an average of 50 to 60 minutes per day in Japan as compared to 11 minutes per day in the American schools that Mr. Stevenson studied. In Japan there is a play break before every class.

The lack of curriculum standards, Mr. Stevenson believes, is one reason. American mothers are so supprisingly.

American mothers are so surprisingly satisfied with their children's performance. They have no measure against which to gauge achievement. The larger reason is both cultural

and societal. Asian parents see edu-cation as vital to their children's fu-ture, whether they are college-bound or not. Few Americans feel that way. Asian children get the message.
When asked to make a single wish, 70
percent of the Chinese children
wished for something related to education; fewer than 10 percent of the Americans did. At the core of many of these differences is the far greater emphasis Americans place on imate ability in determining achievement. Asians stress effort. Every child is assumed to be able to master the full curriculum. Those who are slower are expected to work harder, not to achieve less. The belief in effort as the key to success engages parent, child and teacher in a shared endeavor.

passive attitude that Mr. Stevenson thinks can be "devastating." Parents may see no reason for students of apparently lower ability to struggle for academic success and no need for the able child to challenge him or herself. Teachers can come to see their role as offering psychological support rather than instruction. Asked to name the chief qualities

The American view feeds a more

of a good teacher, Chinese teachers most often cited "clarity." Americans said "sensitivity to the needs of individuals."

Functional illiteracy, largely eliminated in Japan and Europe, has climbed to 25 percent of the American labor force. Rather than continue to dismiss Asian successes as culturally based and therefore irrelevant to American education, it is time to learn from what others are doing better?

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: Bismarck's Smb PARIS - We have sent round two or

three times to see Prince Bismarck. Refused! We sent Mr. Aubrey Stanhope, our Hamburg hero. Refused again! Prince Bismarck has a perfect right to refuse to see anybody. Like the parrot, he may talk when he feels like it. But is it policy, or is it Germanic "patriotism" to refuse a neu-tral journal, which desires to befriend him?— to slap a correspondent in the face? The Herald for many months has defended the peculiarities of the Prince, and it will continue to do so if only he will permit it. Can

1917: Target Practice

great men afford to ignore the press?

RRITISH FRONT - If the Germans' coup de force against our new lines south of Cambrai has gained for. them a few transitory advantages, it has also inflicted a toll of losses which are singularly out of all proportion to

estimated at not less than ten divisions, they offered to our batteries targets such as we could not have hoped for, and the dexterity of our artillery-men was exercised to the full against them. This is the best opportunity I have had during the war,"
an artillery group commander.

1942: Battle for Tunisia

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA — [From our New York edition:] American Flying Fortresses and bombers battered the Axis-held Tunisian coastal bases of Bizerte, Tunis, Sax and Gabes today Dec. 11 in the Sax and Gabes today [Dec. 1] in the greatest 24-hour air assault of the North African campaign, and an authoritative source declared the battle for Tunisia was in the critical stage." The Axis forces, facing entrapment at Bizerte and Tunis by Allied spearheads approaching the coast, were trying to establish a new beachhead at Gabes, on their last remaining land escape route toward Tripoli.

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active global security role, and the United States' growing need for inBy Philip H. Gordon

Enough French-American Quibbling

DONN — As the Gulf War ended, it was possible to envisage a fundamentally new relationship between France and NATO. The Cold War was over, U.S. troops had Cold War was over, U.S. troops had begun to leave Europe, France and the United States had cooperated closely in the Gulf, and France had agreed to participate in a broad review of NATO strategy.

Instead, France's relations with NATO have been as bad as ever. Rather than joining its allies in new trans. Atlantic consensus. France has

trans-Atlantic consensus, France has opposed many of their efforts to adapt NATO to the post-Cold War world. These have included the cre-ation of multinational corps, the muclear doctrine of "last resort." the Rapid Reaction Corps, and the North Atlantic Cooperation Council, or NACC, in which representa-tives of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Estonia have participated, but

France's defense minister has not. The revelation that France has agreed to place a joint French-German corps under NATO command in many contingencies is encourag-ing, but it falls short of a French-American agreement on adapting NATO to today's world. With civil wars in Central and Eastern Europe, weapons of mass destruction proliferating to the

south, and a growing threat to de-mocracy in Russia, it is more im-portant than ever that France and the United States end their quibbling and work together. Given France's willingness to devote resources and energy to an

its domestic agenda, the two countries are in many ways ideal allies.

The reasons for Prance's 1966 boycott of NATO military institutions have evaporated, but it continues to see military integration as a form of U.S. domination. France

must stop tilting at windmills.

Change is needed in Weshington, too, if a fruitful new trans-Atlantic partnership is to be created. The Bush administration's ambivalence toward the emergence of a Europe-an security identity and incessant reminders that "NATO is the only security organization that works" have given French leaders fuel for their arguments that Washington is out to maintain its Cold War dontination to the exclusion of the European Community. Americans are rightfully concerned that the development of an EC that can provide for its own defense will undermine U.S. influence; but that need not be regretted if the result is a more

effective European ally.

Americans should listen more carefully to French arguments that the alliance's integrated command the anance's integrated command structure is no longer appropriate to the diversified threats of the post-Cold War era. The United States should propose making NATO's rig-id Cold War structure more flexible, emphasizing standardization, inter-operability and closely coordinated joint training and planning.

The Clinton administration

should take a more relaxed attitude United States' growing need for in-ternational partners as it focuses on like the French-German corps. It

would be illogical for Hill Clinton to focus on domestic questions while refusing to accept that Europeans play a greater international role.

Some recent signs from France are also encouraging. Defense Minister Pierre Joxe has been dropping hints about a return of France to the NATO Military Committee. He has also spoken of "revising France's accords with NATO to

France's accords with NATO to take account of profound goostrate-gic changes." And leading center-right politicians, likely to be part of the government after legislative elections next spring, have begun to speak of the need for a new rela-tionship with the United States and an end to "taboos" where the Atlantic alliance is concerned. Both the United States and

France have great ambitions in the international accurity realm; both are proud of their historic global roles; both see in their own nations a universal set of values; both would rather lead than follow. Yet the French-American game of cat-and-mouse today is far more aerious than it was during the Cold War.

Today, French-American oppo-sition is the principal factor hinder-ing the definition of a new Ameri-can role in Europe, in which the United States is neither margina-tized nor dominacting. It is ment

lized nor domineering. It is urgent that Paris and Washington over-

come their differences. The writer is a consultant on European security issues and is spending the year as a guest scholar at the German Society for Foreign Affairs, in Bonn, He contributed this commentto the International Herald Tribune.

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OPINION

Why Trash This Symbol of Civility?

WASHINGTON — I am as I con-fessed at the time of the 1976 Bicentennial, the only American of my acquaintance who admits that, had he been around, he might not have rebelled against George III two centuries earlier.

My paternal ancestors, as I explained

then, were stolid Swiss Germans who relished the plentiful land and the free-dom of worship they enjoyed under British rule and, so far as I know, took no It will hardly surprise the few who remember that untimely confession that

I regret to see the British systematically stripping their monarchy of dignity and mystery. That great lady Queen Elizabeth II said in a speech at the Guildhall marking the 40th year of her reign that 1992 has been an "annus hornbilis." The banquet hall at Windsor Castle, her favorite residence, burned. Some of

her subjects in Parliament want her to pay taxes (which she had told the prime minister privately she would be glad to do), even though her voluntary contributions and those of the Prince of Wales to the Treasury probably dwarf the al-lowance she draws to maintain her position, the so-called civil list. Worse, her younger in-laws have been making spec-tacles of themselves, literally so in the case of the Duchess of York.

Some of the trouble is self-inflicted, but more of the recent deterioration is a product of the great media revolution of our day. London tabloids, feasting on royal scandal, make America's National By Edwin M. Yoder Jr.

Enquirer look as staid, by comparison, as the Christian Science Monitor, Royal scandal is an old story, and so is the odd outburst of republican sentiment in England. The novelty is that the rags of Fleet Street observe less restraint than ever.

Even admirers of the great institution of press freedom have to wonder at times what we think we're getting in exchange for all these dreary and pruri-ent invasions of privacy. It is now the creed on both sides of the Atlantic that public personages have no entitlement to privacy. Yet as recently as the abdication crisis of 1936, brought on by the present queen's uncle's love affair with an American divorcee, the press kept the fid on for a remarkably long time. Some sense then still survived of the fragility

of institutions whose foundations are primarily mythic and symbolic. Britain has tough libel laws, more pro-tective of privacy than America's. But the tabloid press is well aware that the queen and her family are at their mercy. She could sue, but only at the cost of amplifying the gossip and fiction. She asked, the other day, for a bit of "gentleness and humor" in the journalistic treatment of the "firm," as I gather she likes to call the monarchy. Good luck! Is mine a sentimental plea for the res-toration of the queen's lost realm, by way

of compensation for her present distress

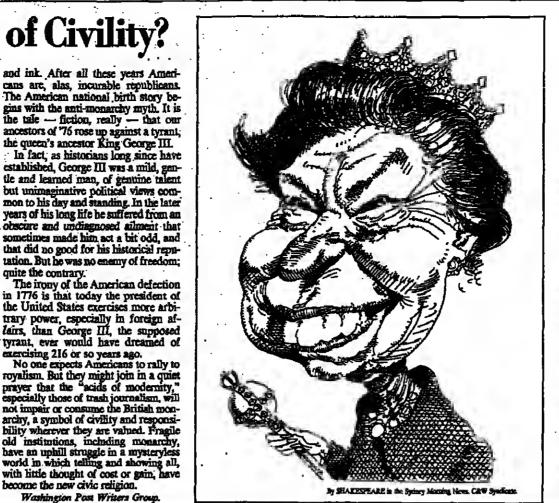
That would be a princely waste of breath

No one expects Americans to rally to royalism. But they might join in a quiet prayer that the "acids of modernity," especially those of trash journalism, will not impair or consume the British monarchy, a symbol of civility and responsibility wherever they are valued. Fragile old institutions, including monarchy, have an uphill struggle in a mysteryless world in which telling and showing all, with little thought of cost or gain, have become the new civic religion.

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established, George III was a mild, gen-



They Don't Bam-a-Lam Like That in Old Europe

By Caitlin Moran

L ONDON — Record shops have not been swarming with tearily hysterical teenagers shouting "Give me more of that funkily distinctive European rock music." There has been no bulk-buying of the "Jacques Delors, What A Guy"

3. Do I fancy any of them? Yes/No.

3. Do I fancy any of them? Yes/No. T-shirt. The whole Enrope-thing has passed the yoof of today by, leaving the pyches of most teenagers virgin-white

MEANWHILE

and spotless. We know sod-all about Europe! And what's more, we don't care that we know sod-all about it.

However, a few recent reports have tended to give the impression that all under-25s are wide-eyed social progressives, positively gagging for open trade and the dissolving of borders and cultur-al differences. Cough, choke, I don't think so ...

Teenagers are sensible creatures. Therefore, we rationalize most of life down into two distinct categories:

1. Things that concern us.

2. Things that don't.
With this in mind, and taking into consideration that Europe is still some-where over there and not somewhere where we live, I developed the British Teenager in Europe questionnaire. To find out whether Europe is a burning

3. Do I fancy any of them? Yes/No.
Armed with this questionnaire, I wandered around my poky little hometown to find out the mood of the kids on the streets. The mood of most of them seemed to be, "I am not taking my Walkman off because the best bit's just about to start, so talk up." But, a few took pity on me, so I was able to glean the following:

Europe is a place where runny cheeses and posh booze that makes your legs go wobbly come from. Foreign people live there. Europe is not as good as America, because Guns N' Roses and Nirvana come from America, whereas the only contribution to the new glory music that Europe has ever made was Boney M and ABBA, and no one ever ran away from home for ABBA. The only music we're interested in starts "Bam-a-lam-a-bam-

Young Britons will always look to America for rock culture; you can't argue with Jimi and Elvis and Janis. Much glamorous history is twined around

the roots of America.

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Regarding "It Isn't Too Late in the (Opinion, Nov. 23) by Brian Beedham: Mr. Beedham writes that "the Serbs have learned to think that they can al-ways call the world's bluff." This re-minds me of the time I was being trained to command a platoon of British infantry. We spent some time on riot control, m which the British Army has considerable experience worldwide. It was essential to have white tape or paint to mark a line across the road. We were then to shout, "The first person to cross this line

is dead." And he would be.
NATO was successful because it made very clear where it had put the white line. There were no white lines around Hitler, or the Falklands, or Kuwait. If we want to avoid having the Yugoslav crisis become a wider tragedy, perhaps the world organizations need to put down white lines, soon.

J. D. M. HARDIE. Edinburgh,

Reading various reports on Bosnia-Herzegovina, one might think that the only victims were Muslims and Croats

ignored. Why? Shouldn't a Serb who is a victim of torture, rape, humiliation or existence be defeated.

"ethnic cleansing" also deserve compassion and pity? Alas, the embargo against Hamburg. Serbia and Montenegro does indeed seem to be total; even news of Serbian

suffering does not get past the borders. MARC BOJANIC.

Voices Against Xenophobia

The cowardly attack that left three Turkish citizens dead in the German city of Mölln left me with a sense of deep sorrow, consternation and dismay. I can only hope that such crimes will be stopped, and the culprits pun-ished, through a strict application of German law.

For more than 30 years our foreign friends have helped us rebuild Germany. They are an important pillar of the German economy. Why cannot this contin-

Most Germans are not hostile to foreigners—quite the opposite! If they were hostile, hundreds of thousands of Ger-mans would not have marched to demonstrate their abhorrence of xenophobia.

Today, Serbia and Montenegro host more than a half million Serbian refuges whose plight the media have largely ments most work together. Only in that

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

At first, the neo-Nazi skinheads attacked the Vietnamese refugees. But they didn't have the vote, so I didn't speak. Then they went after the Romanian Gypsies. We sent them home and I kept quiet. Later, they assaulted Jews and desecrated their cometeries. Their votes don't matter, I said, and the dead don't vote. So I just shut up.

They murdered the Turks next; but they were just a minority. They killed

They mindered the Turks next; but they were just a minority. They killed anti-fascist activists. "Leftists," I thought, who probably won't vote for me; again I kept my silence.

Then they came after me and my political party. This time I wanted to speak, but they told me I already had; and I realized that my silence and that of others was an overwheming vote — not for me but for fascism, It had become too late to say anything else. too late to say anything else.

HELMUT GROTH.

Feminism From Both Sides

Regarding "Beyond Feminism" (Letters, Nov. 19) by Katarina Bjurstedt: Disturbing contradictions, indeed! Unfortunately, Ms. Bjurstedt burns her rhetorical candle at both ends while shedding little light.

She insists that male harassers will respect not women but the law, but then claims that the legal recourse of taking harassers to court is an exercise in women's supposed docility (which she says is "an integral part of our identity as women"—I say, "Speak for yourself"). She sneers at women who seek protection through laws "made by men." Perhaps Ma. Bjurstedt would care to design a

time machine so we can go back and have women write the laws. Oh, but we shouldn't think that having women law-makers is a victory, in case they haven't been elected solely on their professional merits (as if that were the only criterion for male politiciens), or because it might produce a backlash. She appears to think of sexual harass-

ment as a problem, but then excuses it as "one of many weapons used in the professional power game," noting that men also dominate other men in the office. By attempting to coerce them into sex? C. A. WALTERS.

On Muslim Aspirations

The depiction of those who fight against oppressive regimes in the Muslim countries as some sort of dangerous animals called "fundamentalists" can

freedom fighters as terrorists. Such an attitude may have encouraged fanatics in Serbia, India and Algeria to massacre Muslims.

lead non-Muslims to look upon Islamic

Why should Muslims not want to have their way of life? Should the "American Dream" be imposed on other people? For too long Western civilization has been imposing itself on peoples around the world, but like it or not, leave it have to care. Islam is here to stay.

ABD-RAZEK-HAMADL

Before Molotov's Cocktail

The very interesting review by Curt Suplee of "BAT BOMB: World War It's Other Secret Weapon" (Nov. 23), reminds us that there is nothing that has not been tried in the way of annihilating an enemy.

Though Lytle Adams of Pennsylvania may have been the hat bomb's inventor, the idea of using winged creatures to set fire to enemy homesteads is more than 1,000 years old.

From A.D. 945 to 964, Princess Olga of Kiev took vengeance for the killing of her husband Prince Igor on the Drev-lyane tribe, which fived along the River Pripet. She had their swallows netted during the day and set free just before nightfall, with burning rags tied to their feet. The birds headed straight for their nests under the caves of the enemy's thatched huts, and Princess Olga (who incidentally, was later made a saint) had no more trouble from the Drevlyanes. IRENE JOURDAN. La Celle-sur-Loire, France.

It Doesn't Add Up

Regarding "Presidential Vote State-by-State" (Nov. 5):

In reporting the share of the vote that each of the three major presiden-tial candidates received in each state, you noted that the percentage may not add up to 100 "because of other candidates on the ballot." May I point out that rounding three precise percentages that sum exactly to 100 percent can give you totals of 99 percent, 100 peror 101 percent, depending on which way they are rounded

MICHEL BALINSKI.

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a-lam," then goes on noisily for the next five and a half minutes. Americans are good at that. The Belgians aren't. Also, foundations for European har-mony seemed to be shaky, to say the least, as most teenagers' first taste of abroad had been a foreign exchange visit: a two-week slab of doom with zero comprehension on both sides, and raging arguments about the wisdom of wandering around the Reeperbahn at three in the morning, looking for a good party.

To sum up. Britain's yoof will always look to America for rock culture; you can't argne with Jimi and Elvis and Janis and the last R.E.M. album. There's a lot of history, glamorous history, twined around the roots of America — the American dream consisted of a big, fast car, having loads of cash; and lots of bam-a-lam" and then went on noisily for the next five and a half minutes; and I think we can all relate to that.

There's never been a dream in Europe to be anything but European — static, unmoving and bally good at growing root vegetables and rapeseed.

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plasticky, but it's the best we've got. O The Sunday Times, London.

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Israel Pulls Press Cards of Pair For Bypassing Military Censor

JERUSALEM - Israel's govemment indefinitely suspended on Tuesday the press accreditations of correspondents working for an American and a British newspaper

for bypassing military censorship.
Un Dromi, head of the Government Press Office, said he had withdrawn press cards from Carol. Rosenberg of the Miami Herald and Ian Black of The Guardian. He said four other foreign correspondents would be summoned to the military censor's office for a formal warning. "The reason was severe censor-

ship violations by writing the sto-ries about the Tse'elim accident without submitting them to mili-tary censorship," Mr. Dromi said. Ms. Rosenberg wrote that a military accident on Nov. 5 at Tse'elim, in which five soldiers were killed by a missile, had occurred during training for the assassination of Sheikh Hassen Nasrallah, leader of the Hezbollah guerrillas in Leba-

Mr. Black had hinted that the head of military intelligence, Uri Sagny, was watching the exercise seriously limits reporting. A gov-by an elite unit. The army later ernment press card is required to

censorship from Israeli newspa- to enter government buildings pers, that he and the army chief of staff, Ehnd Barak, were present.

Other aspects of the incident which caused a flood of leaks from senior ranks - were reported in stories by the other reporters repri-

manded on Tuesday. Mr. Dromi said the four journalists to receive formal warnings would be Clyde Haberman of The New York Times and three British reporters: Richard Beeston of the The Times, Anton La Guardia of the Daily Telegraph and Sarah Helm of The Independent.

Mr. Black, protesting the action, said that Israeli officials had actively encouraged foreign publication details of the accident in an effort to inform their own people about an event deeply embarrassing to the military leadership.

"It is a shabby way for a governbehave," he said.

The suspension of press accreditation, which Mr. Dromi said would be for an indefinite period.

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Israel has in the past suspended credentials of other foreign correspondents who published material it believed should have been censored. Officially, all stories dealing with security or the armed forces

itary operation. This is not up to lan Black or any other foreign journalist to de-

cide," he said. The Foreign Press Association in Israel issued a statement saying that military press censorship was "an institution whose very existence is incompatible with the free

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Golf Club Murders Leave Psychological Wounds on Many

Washington Post Service
KING WILLIAM'S TOWN, South Africa —It had been a lovely day of golf and a night of food and wine. The pudding had arrived; cheese and crackers were on the way. At the piano by the picture window overlooking the 18th green, Pam Radue had struck up a chord

of "Strangers in the Night."
As if on cue, two masked men, one of them identified by the police as black, stormed through the front door of the 100-year-old slubhouse. One turned left and rolled a grenade into the dining room. The other turned right and lobbed a grenade into the bar. Before either explosive detonated, both men opened fire with intomatic rifles.

Outside, a third attacker threw a gasoline bomb at eight large gas canisters, but none ignited. A fourth hid near the first tee and fired bullets through a sliding glass window. A fifth, police assume, waited with a getaway car. The raid on a wine-tasting group holding its dinner lasted no more than a minute, according to the police and witnesses. Of the 60

revelers in the clubhouse, four were killed -all of them white - and 17 injured. For several years now, the King William's Town Golf Club has accepted black members, one of whom won the club tournament on the day of the attack.

forbears four centuries of auxiety about antiwhite terrorism, And black South Africans could argue that no matter how grandly the end of apartheid is heralded, white life in this coun-try still seems to count more than black life.

Killings of Saturday night's scale are suffered by blacks almost weekly, most often committed by other blacks. They are no longer front-page news, if they ever were. This attack has domi-nated the print and television news country-

As usual, there is a rash of theories about perpetrator and motive. A man identifying himself as the local commander of the military wing of the Pan-Africanist Congress, a militant anti-apartheid group, phoned the local police and claimed responsibility.

The group's secretary general, Benny Alexander, held a news conference in Johannesburg at which he neither claimed nor disowned the attack. He did say his supporters were "angry at the regime, the police and the media for their blatant racial approach to the killing."

"There is a lot of international hullabaloo

around the attack purely because white people have died," he said.

The Pan-African Congress broke away from the African National Congress in 1959 parity to pursue a more openly racial, Africa-for-the-Africans line. It has long had a stronghold here Beyond the immediate toll, the attack has left in the Eastern Cape region. The police said is a psychological gash on many white South guerrilla force, known as the Azanian People's

Africans, who have inherited from their settler Liberation Army, trains in nearby Transkei, one of South Africa's nominally independent black "homelands," whose military strongman has aligned himself against the white-minority government in Pretoria.

"We've had three other terrorist attacks in the past two weeks, people shooting at passing motorists, attacking policemen, raiding a store, and it looks like the same group," a police spokesman said. "Then they run back over the border into the Transkei, and we can't go after

Blacks, however, theorize that the attack could have been staged by rogue elements of the government's security forces to discredit the anti-apartheid movement and to derail constitutional talks set to resume Tuesday between the government and the ANC.

"For the past several years, most of the violence around here has been black on black, but with the political change coming, it's going to turn to black on white," said Michael Kindness, who works at a local tanning factory.

Mr. Kindness said he keeps a small arsenal of weapons at home and is ready for whatever comes. "They will not intimate us," he said. They are not going to force us off our land."

One theory holds that the terror campaign is designed to frighten white farmers off their land, which blacks claim would be theirs were it not for apartheid. There are rumors that white farmers will retaliate, vigilante-style.

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are subject to censorship. Mr. Dromi dismissed the response of foreign journalists that details of the training accident had been widely leaked by Israeli officials and did not endanger any mil-

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Washington Frets Over a Name Game

By Liz Spayd Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON - Sometime within the next few weeks, the federal government will announce plans to join Washington and Baltimore in one huge megalopolis for the purposes of official record-keeping. And, as with Dallas-Fort Worth and Minne-

apolis-St. Paul, the merger means a new name: the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area. Or maybe it's the Washington-Baltimore

In the name game, this is what one might call the big leagues. Or you could just call it a blatant grab at bragging rights, one that has drawn in the local politicians and a roster of business titans who are lobbying the federal government over what the newly configured

region should be called. The reclassification was prompted by 1990 census figures showing that the two areas had become so intertwined, through development and commuting, that it made more sense to think of them as one big place. If past practice is followed, the metropolitan

area with the larger central city will go first when the region is named. Baltimore, which is one-sixth larger than the District of Columbia,

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Needless to say, that idea has set more than a few Washingtonians' blood a-boiling.

Let us not forget, they say, that Washington is the national capital, home of the leader of the

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Expressway, so why break with tradition now?

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free world, and a city whose name carries much more cachet than that of its neighbor.

Most of the business that comes here, the

high-tech companies, the telecommunications firms, are attracted to the area because it's the seat of government," said Ed Cronin, chief executive of the real estate firm Smithy Braedon. "Washington is what people have heard of, particularly people overseas."

The ultimate arbiter of the name dispute —

the Office of Management and Budget — has agreed to consider the views of the public before deciding the matter and is soliciting opininterested parties. A random sample of some possibly interest-

ed parties breaks along somewhat predictable Washington Gas had this to say: "We think it should be the Washington-Baltimore area be-cause we're the nation's capital and the one with the great football team."

Baltimore Gas disagreed: "It's the Baltimore-Washington Airport and the Baltimore-Washington Expressway, so why break with tradition now?

If the budget office does decide to go with Washington's name first, it would be the first time that it allowed a metropolitan area to have the name of the smaller city in the first position.

And how does Fort Worth feel, having played second fiddle to Dallas for years?

"This is a very sensitive issue here," said Tom Higgins, economic development director for Fort Worth, who says it's bad enough being the second half of a hyphenated name, but worse when you get lopped off altogether.

"I'll be flying home in a plane and the pilot will come on and say, 'We'll be landing in Dallas in about 30 minutes,' "Mr. Higgins said. 'It's easy to lose your identity if you don't fight

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GENEVA — Jorge Donn, 45, an Argentine dancer who for almost 30 years was a principal dancer and later choreographer with Maurice Bejart's dance companies, died Monday in a Lausanne hospital after a long illness, a spokeswoman for the Bejart company said on Tuesday. She declined to say what caused his death.

Mr. Donn was born in Buenos Aires, where he studied at the ballet school of Teatro Colon before joining Mr. Bejart's Ballet of the 20th Century in Brussels in 1963, He created roles in a number of Mr. Béjart's ballets, including "Ninth Symphony" (1964), "Romeo and Juliet" (1966), Nijinsky, Clown de Dieu" (1971), and "Notre Faust" (1975), and took leading roles in several films of Béjart ballets. Perhaps his best-known role was the solo part in Mr. Bejart's "Bolero," to Ravel's music.

Mr. Donn became deputy artis-tic director of the Béjart troupe in 1976, choreographing many ballets into the early 1980s. He followed the French choreographer, who moved his troupe of 60 dancers from Brussels to Lausanne in 1987, renaming it Béjart Ballet Lausanne. Mr. Bejart dissolved that troupe in July, forming another with 25 dancers, which he called Rudra Be-

Blanchette Rockefeller, Major Benefactor of Arts

New York Times Service NEW YORK - Blanchette Ferry Hooker Rockefeller, 83, a major benefactor of the Museum of Modern Art and the widow of John D. Rockefeller 3d, died Sunday at her home in Brisrcliff Manor, New York, A family spokesman said tha cause of death was Alzheimer's dis-

cause of deam was Alznermer's dis-ease complicated by pneumonia.

For four decades, Mrs. Rockefel-ler was a regal presence in philan-thropy, beloing to attract financial support and volunteers for causes ranging from children's welfare to the Juilliard School, but the Muse-um of Modern Art was her pre-

dominant interest. Berbera Kander Cohen, 60, the author of more than 30 books for children and young adults, died on Sunday at her home in Bridgewater, New Jersey. Her family said she died of cancer. Mrs. Cohen's first book, "The Carp in the Bathtub," was published in 1972. It won acclaim as a modern classic, enough to encourage her to leave her teach-ing position.



General Colin L. Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs, who said recently that ending the gay ban would not "break the force." Fic said the service was preparing "how best to handle" any lifting:

As Military Reflects on Gay Rights, A Homosexual Subculture Thrives

By Eric Schmitt

New York Times Service JACKSONVILLE, North Carolina - Every Friday and Saturday night, scores of off-duty Ma-rines flock to a small bar here to shoot a game of pool, cure a bout of loneliness or dance until the

By the book, they are risking stiff fines or even jail time, since Camp Lejeune, the largest Marine Corps base on the East Coast, has declared the bar, Friends Lounge, off limits to the installation's 43,000 Marines and sailors. It is a gay bar and conflicts with the military's ban on homosexual

But for many of the gay Marines in Jacksonville who keep their sexual orientation secret, Friends Lounge is one of the few public places in this conservative military town where homosexnals once they are safely past the locked front door and inside — can temporarily set aside their fears of being discovered and drummed out of the Marine

Corps.

Straight people know this as a place that's offlimits, but for gays it's a safe haven," said Alan D., 23, a lance corporal who spoke only on condition that his full name not be published.

The bar at Camp Lejeune, and the many others like it, demonstrate that there is a flourishing gay subculture in the military, despite the official ban on homosexuals in uniform. It underscores the way the military has already adapted to something its leaders say is impossible even to contemplate.

Senior military leaders loudly protested when President-elect Bill Clinton said he would lift the ban on homosexuals, arguing that it would lead to severe morale problems and weaken combat effectiveness. They said heterosexual soldiers, sailors and Marines cannot coexist with gay ones.

But at Camp Lejeune and many other military bases, they already coexist. Individual base commanders vary widely in how strictly they enforce the ban on the thousands of gay men and lesbians in the services, particularly when it involves gay bars and off-base organizations.

The commanders of Camp Leisuage and clean

The commanders of Camp Lejeune are clearly-aware of the bar's existence but have not done anything to shut it down or round up its patrons for years. "We don't sit and stake out these places and harass people," said Major Jay Farrar, a camp

Because the rules against homosexuals are stillin force, gay service members say they are forced to live a stealthy life style. And in an effort to help them deal with the hostility they face, an underground network of gay military groups, as well as a string of bars and clubs, has spring up to lend support and provide contacts to gay men and

In large metropolitan areas, like Washington or-Atlanta, gay soldiers say it is easier to blend in and tap gay civilian advocacy and support groups. The majority of the 125 members of American Legion Post 448 in San Francisco, for example, are homo-

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Prime Minister Says He'll Run Against Milosevic in Serbia

By Chuck Sudetic

New York Times Service BELGRADE — The Serbian-American prime minister of Yugoslavia announced Tuesday that he would attempt to unseat Serbia's hard-line nationalist president, Slobodan Milosevic, in elections set for Dec. 20.

Mr. Milosevic is widely held to be the single person most responsible for the bloody breakup of Yugoslavia. The election, if fairly contested, woold be the first formidable challenge to Mr. Milosevic's grip on power since he be-came Scrbia's Communist Party chairman in 1987.

"All that he offers is fear, divi-sion and confrontation," Mr. Panic said at a news conference in Belgrade. "Our economy is in a sham-bles. Unemployment is skyrocketing. Inflation is out of control. Our children have no future."

"War rages out of control, yet Milosevic has done nothing," he added. "Milosevic is doing every-

thing to keep it going." Although opinion polls taken by local newspapers indicate that Mr. Panic is more popular than the Serbian president, Western diplomats expressed concern that Mr. Milose-vic, who maintains control of Serhia's television network, major newspapers, major enterprises and secret police, would not accept an election defeat.

"Even if Panic wins, there are reasons to fear that Milosevic will not accept defeat by democratic means," a Western diplomat said. His exercises in democratic politics are only a game."

Mr. Panic's announcement came as international condemnation of Scrbia and Montenegro, which is all that remains of the Yugoslav federation, grew and the war in neighboring Bosnia-Herzegovina continued despite a weekend ceasefire agreement between Serbian and Croatian commanders.

On Tuesday, the United Nations halted humanitarian aid flights to Sarajevo after a U.S. military air-craft was struck by small-arms fire. UN officials said that the air-craft, the second U.S. aid plane to be hit in three weeks, was slightly damaged and that no one was in-

Sarajevo radio reported fierce fighting on Tuesday between Serbi-an and Bosnian forces in the towns

of Gradacac and Tesanj. It said 56 people had died in the battles. Serbian shells also fell on the The U.S. ambassador to the commission, Morris B. Abram, warned that the individuals guilty of carrying out war crimes in Boswestern suburbs of Sarajevo, local

Prime Minister Milan Panic of Yugoslavia aunouncing his campaign to unseat Slobodan Milosevic in Serbian presidential elections. nia would not be able to argue that . as the North Atlantic Treaty Orga-In Geneva, the United Nations Human Rights Commission con-demned Bosnian Serbs as primarily they were only acting under orders.

"If this kind of stuff can go on in the heart of Europe 50 years after the Holocaust and the world does not react to it as it must react to it. you are creating a terrible prece-dent," said Mr. Abram, a former cutor at the Nuremberg trials of Nazi war criminals.

Yugoslavia was the only country to vote against the resolution, call-ing it "one-sided and exclusive." Mr. Panic's announcement came

nization said that it planned to tighten the Adriatic naval blockade against Yugoslavia by sending war-ships into Albanian territorial wa-

In an attempt to block Mr. Panic's candidacy, Serbian election officials announced that the Yugoslav prime minister would not be able to run in the presidential elec-tion unless he could prove by Wednesday afternoon that he had

ters, according to an unidentified NATO official, Reuters reported

been a resident of Serbia for one

Mr. Panic returned to his homeland in July to become prime min-ister, taking leave from his Califor-nia-based pharmaceuticals firm.

"If they try to enforce this, it will eveal their contempt for democracy," the Western diplomat said, adding that the residency law was passed on Nov. 3.

"I was born a Serb, I am a Serb," Mr. Panic said. "I live in Belgrade, and I am the Yugoslav prime min-ister. Of course I am eligible."

40,000 Join March In France Against U.S.-EC Trade Pact

By William Drozdiak

Washington Past Service STRASBOURG, France ____ More than 40,000 farmers from Europe and beyond marched through the streets of this Alsatian city oo Tuesday to protest a U.S.-European trade accord that they say will push many of them into bankruptcy and jeopardize rural communi-ties across the continent.

It was the biggest demonstration yet against the plan to cut farm subsidies as part of an overall global trade pact, and French farmers said they believed the agreement would be scuttled as colleagues in Germany, Spain, Italy and Belgium recognized the dangers to their live-lihoods and exerted pressure on

their governments to spurn it.
"We are all in the same boat." said Luc Guyan, secretary-general of the 700,000-member French National Federation of Farmers' Unions. "Yesterday, some farmers thought they were not hurt by the consequences of the deal, but today they understand that no one is

Constantin Heereman, a German who heads the European Community's leading farm lobby

group, said:
"We refuse to be sacrificed for the interest of the United States and some multinational corporations. We must put an end to their threats and their arrogant hlack-

Under the Nov. 20 agreement, subsidies would be cut sharply for Europe's grain farmers and land used to grow oilseeds would be tak-

en out of production.

Uotil now, only the French government has called the deal unacceptable, but after scrutinizing the impact of the accord other European Community governments may make their apprehensions known when EC foreign and agricultural ministers meet in Brussels oext week to discuss the deal.

President François Mitterrand

EC Ministers at Odds

of France, in his first public statement on the farm trade deal, said he would wait until all aspects of the world trade pact had been completed before deciding whether to veto the agricultural deal.

At a speech Monday night at a dinner in honor of Baudouin, king of the Belgians, Mr. Mitterrand said that the farm accord "only concerns one of 15 areas in the multilateral talks" under the auspices of the General Agreement on

Tariffs and Trade. He said that France wanted to look "at other questions besides that of agriculture" and did not want to feel bound to any decision until the final draft of the global trade agreement was ready.

The unpopular Socialist government of France appears to be playing for time in order to push any final decision beyond legislative elections slated for March 21 and March 28.

A conservative government is expected to be voted into office in the elections, and Mr. Mitterrand is said to want to place the onus of responsibility for France's painful choice at that time oo his conservative rivals.

The demonstration in Strasbourg attracted disgruntled farm-

ers not only from Europe but as far away as Japan and Korea. The Asian protesters, carrying banners that read "Rice is our lifeline," also want to thwart a global trade accord that may compel them to compete with foreign rice imports that have been blocked until

As they gathered in a large square, the demonstrators hoisted effigies of the EC agriculture com-missioner Ray MacSharry and the chief U.S. trade negotiator, Carla A. Hills, atop a wooden scaffold packed with hay. Then, they set the whole structure ablaze before setting off on a four-mile (six-kilometer) march toward the local soccer

SOMALIA: Pentagon Is Doubtful TROOPS: Fewer Risks Stressed

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scribed by White House officials as merely theoretical ideas, oot an ex-pression of U.S. policy.

Administration sources conceded that, ultimately, some means for restoring civil order in Somalia would be necessary to redress con-ditions underlying the "man-made famine," as experts call it. Howev-er, discussions now about organizing a new governing system in So-malia are deemed politically unhelpful and unnecessarily pro-

.The question of what role the United Nations or other outside powers might play in the future governing of Somalia is "incredibly touchy for Africans," an administration official said.

In a related development, a co-alition of 11 U.S.-based organizations providing relief in Somalia reaffirmed their support for a stepped-up security initiative of the type the United States has in mind. The coalition, known as InterAc-

tion, released excerpts from a letter it had sent to the administration on Nov. 19 saying that "humanitarian agencies cannot work effectively in

Somalia without greater security." The organizations taking this stand included the Adventist Development and Relief Ageocy, American Friends of Action Internationale, CARE, International Medical Corps, Church World Ser-

tion," said a senior administration official. "You move in, take the

airfields in a half dozen places, then clear out the roads and establish an environment and let the aid go. And the combat forces could be replaced by peacekeepers.
"To have had that kind of military operation, that could be re-

responsible for the atrocities in the

In a resolution, the panel called

on the international community to

judge whether the Serbs' forced ex-

pulsion of hundreds of thousands of Muslim Slavs from their homes

war in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

amounted to "genocide."

peated as necessary. I think it vice, International Rescue Com-mittee and Lutheran World Relief. son. It would create a new environ-

U.S. Will Support UN Plan

WASHINGTON - The United States prefers to retain total command of its forces if they go to Somalia, but U.S. military leaders will cooperate with any plan the United Nations devises to alleviate the starvation there, a Pentagon spokesman said Tuesday.

"We'll work with the UN oo matter what they come up with on it," said

He also attempted to scale down the idea that 30,000 U.S. troops might be sent to Somalia. He said the number, which surfaced in reports last week, was "a little high," but he did not offer another figure.

Pentagon sources, who asked not to be identified, have said that the oumber would range from 12,000 to 20,000.

(Continued from page 1) ment, having mounted an opera-tion like that,"

Since Washington's proposal was reported last week, the leaders of two important Somali factions have said they would welcome U.S. troops. The statements appear to indicate the hope of clan leaders that cooperation oow will better position them to wield political control once Western forces with-

Administration officials say that the figure of 30,000 in some news reports was exaggerated, but that a force of 15,000 to 20,000 is conceivable. The size reflects the doctrine of General Colin L. Powell, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to use decisive force and maintain U.S. control over any military operation.

The composition of the force is being determined by General Jo-seph P. Hoar, the commander of the U.S. Central Command, who was asked by General Powell last Wednesday to develop a plan.

Corruption Inquiry Pressed in Caracas

CARACAS -- After surviving a coup attempt last week, President

CARACAS.—After surviving a coup attempt last week, President Carlos Andrés Pèrez is facing a renewed investigation into allegations of corruption in his administration.

Attorney General' Ramon Escobar requested the reopening of an investigation into the purchase of dollars with public funds, the first affair said to directly involve the president.

Mr. Perez responded at a news conference on Tuesday; "I can't

say there isn't corruption, but I can say that we are fighting it." The president blamed weak laws for the lack of convictions in frand cases, saying "there is no motivation to take them to trial." He did not refer directly to the case Mr. Escobar seeks to reopen.

Mr. Escobar, who was appointed by Congress, triged that investi-gators determine whether there had been improprieties in the 1989 purchase of U.S. dollars with funds earmarked for Interior Ministry security expenses.

Three weeks ago, a former presidential candidate, José Vicente Rangel, asserted that Mr. Pérez had purchased the dollars at a cheap government rate, sold them at a profit on the open market and pocketed the difference of nearly \$2 million.

The matter of the money exchange "cannot stay hidden behind the bombs of Nov. 27, Mr. Escobar said, referring to the coup attempt, which together with a related prison riot claimed at least 232 lives.

On Europe-Wide Police By William E. Schmidt New York Times Service

Tuesday with governments split

ministers from the 12 EC member states could not agree on who should head the so-called Europol. or where to put its headquarters.

Park Service." One of the Art Barn Kenneth Clarke, the British Home Secretary, complained that the ministers spent hours "dancing round the edge of hair-splitting se-mantics" before abandoning discussioo about the force, deemed occessary to better coordinate law enforcement intelligence as Europe moves toward more relaxed border controls on Jan. !.

> were split over whether to put the headquarters in The Hagne, Rome or at a site near Strasbourg, France.

"It does not bother me. In fact, I take it as a way of life," said Vladi-mir Galuska, counselor for political affairs for the Embassy of

ence on closer coordination of im-migratioo and justice policies among European Community nations ended in disagreement here over implementation of a plan to set up a Europe-wide police net-

LONDON - A two-day confer-

The ministers also could not agree on which countries should take over the permanent leadership of the force, modeled after the in-

ternational police agency Interpol.

They also failed to agree on a plan to abandon passport controls at European borders next year, as had been originally envisioned. Britain, Ireland and Denmark in-

checks, as oecessary to curb terror ism and drug trafficking.

The debate reflected continuing uncertainty among EC member nations, as they prepare to drop cus-toms tariffs and other barriers and adopt a single market on Jan. 1.

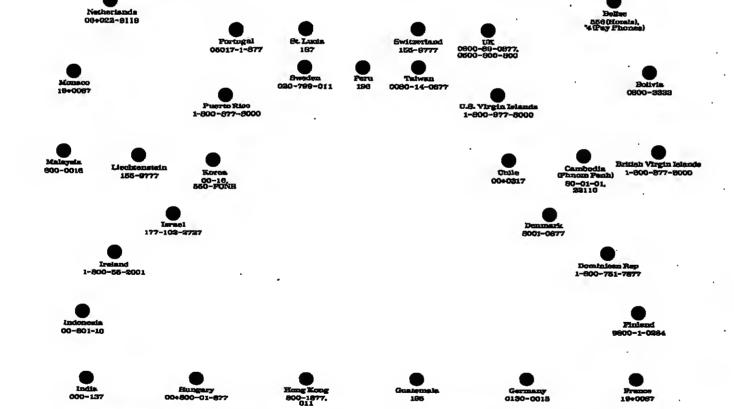
But ministers did agree on Monday to toughen EC immigration policies, controlling the movement of refugees across European boricrs. The rules will m for governments to expel refugees whose claims for political asylum can be proven to be "manifestly unfounded," Mr. Clarke said.

While most claim to be flecing political oppression or the ravages of war at home, European governments argue that a large number of the refugees are in fact in search of jobs or better economic opportuni tics, by themselves are insufficient grounds for resettlement as legal immigrants.

The oew procedures mean that Mr. Clarke said the EC ministers asylum seekers from nations that are deemed to be safe could be sent home almost immediately, government officials said.

The ministers also agreed Monday to reject a German appeal which had asked the rest of the EC to agree to shoulder a greater share

of the refugee burden. Eduard Linter, an official of the German Interior Ministry, complained that Germany now receives 80 percent of the estimated 500,000 Britain, Ireland and Denmark in-sisted on maintaining passport hum in Western Europe.



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Association's founding members, Barbara Gordon, said she was

shocked by the news, but added:
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it. After all, we were living in a very

Cold War situation. Everybody's

tuning in on everybody, so we might as well tune in too."

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Shields, superintendent of Rock Creek Park, said he heard about the

devices 18 months ago when he

"When I first came to the park, I

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2 Neo-Nazis Confess to Attack That Killed Turks

By Marc Fisher

Washington Post Service BERLIN — Two neo-Nazis confessed Tnesday to having thrown gasoline bombs that last week killed three Turks in Western Germany, sparking a government crackdown on rightist extremists.

Michael Peters, a 25-year-old West German who led a small band of skinhead radicals, and Lars Christiansen, 19, told prosecutors they set the fires that injured eight longtime Turkish residents of Germany and killed a 51-year-old Turkish woman and two young

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It was the worst attack since the start of a wave of 1,900 anti-foreigner assaults that have left 16 people dead.

The chief federal prosecutor, Alerander von Stahl, said he would seek triple murder, attempted murder and arson charges against Mr. Peters and Mr. Christiansen. According to Mr. von Stahl's account. the two skinheads said they met in the small town of Mölin just before midnight Nov. 22, and then took two other attacks on refugee cen-their gasoline bombs to an apart-ters, Mr. von Stahl said. In addi-tiansen, who left his parents' home

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BONN — A German business executive, criticized for flying the former imperial war flag

in his front yard, said Tuesday he had not been

aware that the flag is often used as a symbol by

Aerospace board member in charge of marketing, denied any affiliation with neo-Nazi

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pickaxes have smashed rooms in a Strasbourg

STRASBOURG, France - Vandals using

The businessman, Karl Dersch, a Deutsche

German neo-Nazis.

Turks resided. ters's gang l
At 12:30 A.M., Mr. Peters recent days.

stepped into a phone booth near

house. Forty-eight minutes after their first call. Mr. Peters dialed the fire station from another phone booth and said, "Fire in Mühlen Street! Heil Hitler!" The fire killed three Turks and injured five more. Prosecutors said the two skinheads had taken part in other attacks on foreigners. Mr. Peters allegedly was one of 30 armed extremists who gathered outside a an apprentice at a supermarket, refugee shelter in the East German had a better reputation. Co-worktown of Pritzier in September, but ers and former teachers described backed off from their plan to storm him as a quiet, apparently apoliti-

force. Mr. Peters was already under in-

German Businessman Shows the Flag — the Wrong One

cated it would accept the offer.

the flag had been misused for some time by radical rightist groups.," he said.

The newsweekly magazine Der Spiegel re-ported on Monday that Mr. Dersch flew the

Strasbourg's large Jewish community is par-

ticularly sensitive to the surge in far-right racist violence across the border in Germany.

Vandals Wreck 3 Rooms of a Synagogue in Strasbourg

Neighbors and teachers told the federate States of America Ilag.

German oews agency DPA that

Justice Minister Sabine Leuththe town police station, called the fire department, and said, "Fire in Mr. Peters's apartment in a village of 1,400 residents a few miles south Two people were injured in that rightist radicals. Neighbors told of The two skinheads then got back loud parties at which music of neo-into Mr. Christiansen's car and Nazi bands hlared ont the windows drove to another Turkish-occupied while drunken skinheads waved the German imperial war flag and shouted "Heil Hitler."

Mr. Peters, uneducated and unemployed, was described in news reports here as an animal lover who kept dogs and a tarantula and sup-ported himself with occasional odd jobs, such as raking leaves for the

Mr. Christiansen, who works as the home after police showed up in cal person who was never heard to

insult foreigners.
But the police said he had taken vestigation for his role in at least part in neo-Nazi rumbles with for-

groups. "Unfortunately I failed to notice that the flag in front of his house in a Minnich suburb. The opposition Social Democrats called for

ment house in which they knew 36 tion, 10 other members of Mr. Pe-Turks resided. ters's gang have been arrested in in an apartment decorated with skinhead paraphernalia and a Con-

> eusser-Schnarrenberger called on the police and prosecutors to step up efforts to brings charges against musicians and writers who perform extremist songs and texts such as those Mr. Peters played at parties.

German law forbids any act that encourages National Socialist ide-ology. Numerous hard rock bands popular among skinheads and other youths across Europe have won fans with lyrics singing the praises of bashing foreigners.
The justice minister, who last

needed no new laws to combat rightist violence, called Tuesday for tougher jail terms for violent exilar to those the Nazis used.

more than 6,000 cases against ex-In Berlin, officials announced the appointment of a special prosecutor for crimes with "racist and

up all the furniture in the rabbi's office and

study," said a local Jewish leader, Gilbert Roos.

Mr. Roos said the raiders fled when the

Representative Joseph P. Kenne dy 3d, Democrat of Massachusetts on the first day of what he called a fact-finding mission on the violence, met with aides to Chancellor Helmut Kohl but said he had a mixed impression of Bonn's antiextremist efforts.

"I came out with some concern about the extent 10 which there is a real plan to deal with the extrem-ism," Mr. Kennedy said. "German politicians need to get out of the politics of denial."

■ 'Snarling Minority'

The British government condemned what it called a "bigoted month repeatedly said the country snarling minority" of German rightists for attacks on foreigners, Reuters reported from London.

Foreigo Secretary Douglas tremists and a ban on symbols sun- Hurd, in a speech to the Israel Disapora Trust, which helps Jews re-She said investigators had begun settle in Israel, said the German government recognized the nature and scale of the problem. Mr. Hurd said he did not believe that Germany was about to be "taken over by anti-Semitic, neo-Nazis."

"When we think of Germany, we should think of the large law-abiding majority, not the bigoted, snarl-ing minority," be said. "I am confi-dent in a modern and liberal

■ Dutch Attack

Mr. Dersch's removal from the company board He reportedly offered to resign from the company. Late Thesday, after meeting with the chairman, Jurgen Schrempp, the company indi-The police in Amsterdam said Tuesday that they had arrested a Dutch youth who beat up a Somali of the 50th anniversary of Hitler's V-2 rocket, refugee, saying he hated black peo-ple, Reuters reported. which was canceled after a storm of protest.
(Reuters, AP, AFP)

The 31-year old Somali was hospitalized after the 19-year-old youth beat him, kicked him and beld him captive in a train compartment for about 20 minutes, a police spokesman said.

The two were alone in the compartment. It was only when the Somali tried to escape at a station

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LONDON THEATER

'Annie Get Your Gun': Stoppers, but No Show

17 Great Songs in Search of a Book

Maria Aitken in Noël

Coward's "Hay Fever."

By Sheridan Morley International Herald Tribune

ONDON - There is nothing wrong with "Annie Get Your Gus," currently in a touring revival from Plymouth that has come into London for a prolonged Christmas season at the Prince of Wales, that could not be solved by a good book. Or indeed any sort of book.

When Irving Berlin composed his score back in 1946, it was for Ethel Merman, and he had not been the first choice, inheriting the assign-ment only on the sudden death of Jerome Kern.

But the show became only the second in Broadway history to run more than a thousand performances, made a star of Dolores Gray in London and was still being played on the road by Mer-

man 20 years later. But now, what have we got? Seventeen classic numbers, including the great the-atrical anthem "There's No Business Like Show Business," any one of which could be inserted at any point in the show, and all but one of which could equally well have been put into Ber-lin's "Call Me Madam," also written for Merman five

In that sense, "Annie" is one of the shows that brought about the Bernstein-Sondheim revolution. Its songs may be showstoppers, indeed most of them are, but they are only show songs because they come at you from

The book by Herbert and
Dorothy Fields is not really even a pamphlet. It
has precious little coherence, and its dialogue
only exists because in those days you had to
separate the songs with something and no one outside of an opera house dared just try music

The best hope for any director or choreogra-pher is therefore to do the whole thing as a period piece, a historical curiosity emerging not from the Vienna Woods but from the backwoods of Ohio, which is where Annie and her sharpshooting rival Frank Butler seem to be making a living on the tent-show circuit.

For the purposes of the current revival, both of the Wild West show managers and even Buffalo Bill and Chief Sitting Bull have all become extremely English, so that a troupe of Victorian strolling players seems mysteriously to have caught up with Annie Oakley on the road and taken over her production.

But all that really matters here is Annie herself, and Kim Criswell manages to attack the role like a tank, belting out the numbers and

Opposite her, John Diedrich manages an amiable Australian impression of the young Howard Keel, and as long as they both stay singing all is fine.

The dialogue is another matter and would. I suspect, prove unplayable even by more accom-

This will be an attractive Christmas treat for

family andiences in the West End, but soon

after that someone really should think hard about burying the book altogether and finding a more workable frame for some of the greatest numbers in the history of the American musi-

At the Albery, Alan Strachan has a stylish revival of Noël Coward's 1925 "Hay Fever" that underlines the role-playing at the heart of a country-house-party comedy of appalling man-

This was the play Coward wrote in three days, after spending several weekends as a young and impoverished would-be Broadway playwright at the home of Laurette Taylor, a formidable grande dame of the period whose habit it was to inveigle her embarrassed houseguests into games of charactes that only she was ever allowed or indeed able to win.

Back in the comparative safety of the West End, Coward used his memories of the Taylor household to construct a play that is essentialby the bridge from Pirandello to the "Get the Guests" sequence in Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

A Thames-side cottage in Berkshire is owned by a for-

midable, newly retired actress (Maria Aitken), her pipe-smoking novelist hus-band (John Standing) and their two appallingly preco-Each of the family has invited a guest for the week-end; the four strangers ar-

rive, are ritually humiliated and embarrassed and slink away on the Sunday morn-ing while the family carries on its own internal warfare. as blissfully unaware of their departure as they have been of their arrival.

That in essence is all that happens across three acts, and the twist is that Coward enlists our sympathy not for the misbegotten, maltreated, unhappy guests but for their hosts, people he indulges with all the privileges of

Strachan, the most expert and experienced of all Coward directors of his generation, brilliantly matches the two teams.

While Aitken swoops around the stage, demolishing whole bunches of flowers with demented attacks, Sara Crowe (recently Sybil to Joan Collins's Amanda in "Private Lives") leads the visitors as a girl so paralyzed with social embarrassment that the act of removing a coat from her shoulders becomes a kind of

Among the men, Standing has the perfect petrician cruelty as the novelist, while Christopher Godwin as an elderly gentleman admirer only has to look at a barometer for it to crash

Halfway from boulevard farce to high comedy, this is a play about intense theatrical embarrassment, and it has been choreographed with

Sheridan Morley's "Noël and Gertte," a musi-cal about Noël Coward and Gertrude Lawrence, opened Tuesday at the York Theatre in New York.



'Kim Criswell, in the title role, belts out a number in "Annie Get Your Gun,"

For Baez, the Circle Comes Back Around

By James Gavin New York Times Service

EW YORK - Until recently, people were asking Joan Baez, "Do you still sing?" "At first I was furious she says. "Then I thought, Well,

how are they supposed to know?"

Baez, one of the defining voices of the 1960s, acknowledges that she had become musically frozen in time, devoting most of her energy to human-rights causes.

But when she signed with Virgin Records two years ago, she realized that a retread of the old Bacz would not do. The resulting album, "Play Me Backwards," her 28th album and first maior-label recording since 1979, finds her in a biting, contemporary setting, accented by Lat-in- and African-flavored percussion and the twangy sound of the Dobro, a steel slide guitar.

Her pure, throbbing and once screnely detached voice now has a sting. Alongside new numbers by Mary-Chapin Carpenter, Janis Ian and others, the album contains a set of Baez's own songs, all shining with an autumnal wisdom.

In late October, she played the Bitter End in New York as part of a two-month world tour, focusing — atypically — on music, not politics.

Standing in front of a young andience and flanked by a hippie-ish guitarist and bass player, the 51-year-old singer described herself as "den mother to Romper Room."

"I said in concert once, 'In my humble opin-ion' and hurst out laughing. I've never had a humble opinion in my life. If you're going to have one, why bother to be humble about it?" Over lunch the next day, Baez discussed the

"identity crisis" that has plagued her since her emergence at the Newport Folk Festival in 1959.

"You take this little pickle at age 17% who's given a mantle and an identity at a time when I still thought of myself as a dumb Mexican from Southern California," she said. "Then here I was, the Virgin Mary.

Pronounced the queen of the folk revival and the budding peace movement, she placed her soaring untrained soprano at the service of one cause after another.

But after the Vietnam War and the dissolution of a brief marriage to David Harris, who served a sentence for draft evasion, Baez's values began to seem antiquated. An early attempt to take the politics out of her music, in the 1975 album "Diamonds and Rust," gave her career a temporary boost, but album sales dwindled and around 1978 she realized that her soprano was turning into a scratchy alto.

"Singing was something I'd never had to think about," she said. "I just opened up my trap and music poured out. But gravity takes

In 1979 she found a coach who helped her

repair the damage; by that time, however, she was perilously close to being a has-been. Baez spent most of the '80s singing on behalf of causes, including disarmament, the antiapartheid movement and the mistreatment of

political prisoners. In concerts, she recycled her ignature tunes over and over. "About five years ago I started to realize that the concerts had become boring to me," she said. "I don't know why they weren't boring to everybody else. Maybe they were."

After eight years without an American record

contract, she signed with Gold Castle, a folkoriented label, and recorded three albums that were poorly distributed and scarcely noticed.

When asked why Virgin — a label that re-cords Janet Jackson and Paula Abdul — would be interested in her, Baez points to the success of fulkish singer-songwriters like Suzanne Vega and Tracy Chapman on other labels.

"They've carved out a way for the circle to come back 'round," she said. "I don't think anybody can pretend that folk music is coming back, but there seems to be an appetite for music you have to listen to with a more careful ear."

The label spent months sending her contemporary rock songs, none of which she thought she could sing. She agreed to try writing with her producers, the Nashville-based songwiters Kenny Greenberg and Wally Wilson, who she says helped break her out of the art-song mold into a more universal style.

HE new material ranges from "I'm With You," a song of farewell dedi-cated to her 22-year-old son Gabriel, to the title number, which casts her as a teller of ominous truths. Mary-Chapin Carpenter's "Stones in the Road" has become Baez's debut video. "It makes me laugh," she said, "because there's something so comy and ironic about making your first video at age 51,"
But she has no illusions about regaining the old mantle. Most of her current dates are in

clubs and small concert halls. "My manager said, 'Nothing's going to hap-pen overnight or in three weeks.' It's much better to be very conservative about our hopes

and dreams right now." Baez looks forward to the day when she can devote her time to social and political activism, prose writing or just catching her breath at her home outside San Francisco.

"I think that in a few years, if somebody comes up and says, 'Are you still singing?' I will happily say, 'Not really.' Pretty soon I'll be able to say that I've given 40 years of my life to this. Now I need a break."

James Gavin, who has written about pop music for Details magazine and The Village Voice, wrote this for The New York Times.

A 'New Philosopher' Judges 20th Century

By Thomas Quinn Curtiss

ARIS — Bernard-Henri Levy, the written his first play, "Le jugement' dernier" (The Last Judgment), a sermon on the world's current woes. Its premiere at the Théatre de l'Atelier was a sort of socialite event attracting such diverse celebri-ties as Jacques Chaban-Delmas, Françoise Sagan and the Spanish dramatist Arrabal.

Lévy places the 20th century on trial for the spiritual uncertainty and carnage that

wars and revolutions have wrought and predicts that worse is in store.

The scene is a television studio where a neurotic director, apparently in decline, is auditioning players to reveal on film the cenic. For the ch author has invented witnesses who have been close to the catastrophies.

One of them is Lenin's last nurse, the only person who could comprehend him after a stroke deprived him of speech. She adored him, hut she remembers him as a ruthless to liberty.

There is a railroad stationmaster who

witz; a French professor who taught classes in the 1960s only to find several of his pupils in the 1960s only to find several or his purpose.

—such as Pol Pot — became executors in the killing fields of Cambodia; a Catholic carditown mayor who is in agreement with whatever party is in power; a pop singer who is a charity-business promoter, and a Chinese youth who defied a column of tanks when rebellious students were moved down on Tiananmen Square in Bejing. The last on the list is the director's pretty secretary who has been a terrorist and a nightchib singer and who at the finale predicts that the others will have more opportunities in the dismal future.

gy. Instead he seems to have imitated Piran-dello's approach, utterly unsuited to his mes-sage. Pirandello plumbed the complex inner lives of his characters, while Lévy's work cure than a play pets for his monthpieces.

Jean-Louis Martinelli, who staged Celine's "L'église" at Nanterre last month, has been unable to unite the various sketches into a satisfactory mise-en-scene, but there is exemplary acting in this nightmarish fable.

The first act holds attention with its exotic personalities, but the second act sinks into profound ennui.

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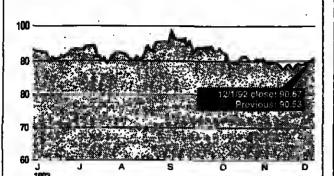
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In Japan, Unequal Opportunity

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service

TOKYO - When Japan's economy boomed through the late 1980s, doors opened and women edged into choice jobs that freed them from serving tea and answering telephones, the traditional duties of the clerical workers known as "office ladies." But Japanese women today say that many of the changes were

superficial, and that career op-portunities are evaporating as the economy dries up. Many companies, critics contend, were simply seeking to enhance their internasecand to enhance their meana-tional image by appearing to be in step with efforts to assure women of equality, just when cor-porations could easily afford it.

While Japan's biggest compa-nies are cutting back on their work forces, statistics and anecdotes from the country's harried work places suggest that women are taking the brunt.

Seven years after an equal-op-portunity law was passed, some women complain that the law is conveniently forgotten when times are lean, while others say employers judge them not on their qualifications as potential employees, but on their suitability as spouses.

Chiho Yui, a 22-year-old senior at Otsuma Women's University, applied to 20 companies in even seeing me, that it would be

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her search for what Japanese call a career-track, or noncietical, po-

sition in the food industry.

She has come to a simple conclusion about equal opportunity: "It doesn't mean anything in an Miss Yni said she was never

given a chance, recalling: "When I called some of these companies, they said on the phone, before

difficult for any woman seeking a career-track position this year because we'd have to compete for those positions with men."

tries are hiring only a handful of women each year for career-track positions that carry responsibility comparable to men's jobs.

Today, Japan's largest compa

In the late 1980s, companies were complaining that they could not find enough talented workers

of either sex. Automobile design departments, advertising agen-cies, and electronics makers never missed a chance to announce how many women they had hired from universities

But this year, even women graduating from Japan's most clite universities are being forced to scale back their expectations. At Tokyo's Waseda University, pan's top politicians and business executives, Takaaki Sakata, the manager of the recruitment department, says industries that until recently lavored women - retailing, banking, public relations
-have reversed themselves.

"Up until last year, the number of women securing career-track positions was on the upswing," he said. "But this year, we're having to recommend women go for the

Among women who already hold jobs, many of the com-plaints echo those of American women, amplified several times: that a "glass calling" bars their promotion, that child care is un-available, and that the executive suite is the province of an allmale power structure.

"You hear the frustration evcrywhere," said Yoko Ohara, a senior executive at Asahi Chemi-

opportunity for interest-rate cuts in the countries affected.

defending the franc is vital for the

system's survival, so you can expect France and Germany to fight like

The franc fought off an October

offensive against it after the

Bundesbank joined forces with the

French to mount a high-cost cur-

"It's clear the ERM's troubles will never be over until German rates come down," said Ian Gun-ner, economist at Chase Bank. "But

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Faster Growth, **Low Inflation** Foreseen in U.S.

By Lawrence Malkin International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK —As new signs of U.S. economic revival continued to appear Tuesday, economists for the nation's big bond houses forecast steady growth next year, with de-clining inflation helping to hold in-terest rates stable — if the Clinton administration presents a credible plan to trim the budget deficit.

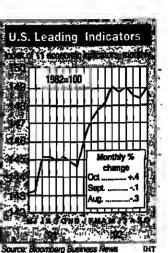
"The economy is on its way to healing," said James Annable, chief economist of the First National Bank of Chicago and chairman of the economic panel of the Public Securities Association. "There will be bouncy quarters because of weather and sudden changes in in-ventories, but growth will be in excess of 2.5 percent in 1993." he said. "A new administration is tak-ing over with the best outlook for inflation since the Kennedy Ad-

ministration," in 1961. A report issued by Mr. Annable and a number of economists from other leading bond houses forecast that consumer price inflation would average 3 percent next year, sharply down from the 4.5 percent average of the past decade. It also forecast an interest rate of 7.3 percent for the bellwether 30-year Treasury bond by next December, barely changed from this month's

rate of about 7.6 percent. Short rates, it said, would rise during the year from about 3 to only 3.5 percent as measured by three-mor Treasnry bills. It predicted the dol-lar would rise to 1.72 Deutsche marks as a reflection of U.S. economic growth.

Statistics from various sources Tuesday indicated that the economy continued to recover, albeit

For November, the monthly in-dex of the National Association of Purchasing Managers jumped al-most five points to 55, the strongest gain since May. The survey of 300 industrial companies gives the first snapshot of the manufacturing economy each month, and its main strength came in production and



ly declined for the second successive month, and even employment declined at its slowest rate in six months.

For October, the index of leading indicators, which is the government's principal forecasting gauge, rose 0.4 percent.

Other recent signs suggest the economy is recovering. Orders for new cars and other durable goods rose in October and wages and salaries grew. Another report for October showed construction spending rising 0.1 percent after falling in

Reviving the construction industry by putting it to work building and repairing roads, bridges and infrastructure is part of a \$15 to \$50 billion stimulus program envi-sioned by President-elect Bill Clin-

ton, along with a tax credit for investing in new equipment.

The normally conservative bond economists did not blanch at either the nature or size of the program even in an expanding economy, because it would increase investment sibly improve lagging U.S. produc-tivity. But they added that it was vital that stimulus proposals be accompanied by a credible plan to trim budget deficits projected for new orders.

The prices of manufactured the balance of this decade. They warned that otherwise interest goods covered by the survey actual- rates would rise.

MEDIA MARKETS

ABC Trims Studios' Role In Creating TV Series

By Bill Carter New York Times Service

an unusual contract with the creators of a popular comedy series that will limit the role of production studios in bringing out new programs. ABC and the creators of "Home Improvement" formed a partnership and guaranteed the show, now in its second year, three additional years on the air. The deal also sets up a profit-sharing arrangement between ABC and the show's creators for two future comedy series.

Almost all U.S. prime-time shows now are renewed on a The network stands year-by-year basis, depending on their ratings. But in return for its commitment, ABC could share in the potentially enormous profits from a hit series.

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to profit from reruns of hit shows. The broadcast networks have been fighting the Hollywood studios to gain a right to share in syndication profits when series are sold for reruns. That fight is still

shows in which it is an owner, as long as the shows are syndicated by "Home Improvement" stars Tim Allen as a family man who works as a handyman on a fictional cable television show called Tool Time.

being waged in court. But a network can still share in the profits of

Robert A. Iger, who was named president of the ABC network two weeks ago, said the deal was almost surely the first of its kind in television. "I don't know of any other like it," he said. Rick Leed, the president of Wind Dancer Productions, which will

create the two new shows for ABC, said it was a "ground-breaking deal for creators of television series."

In recent years, ABC has signed expensive, long-term deals with successful originators of shows like "L.A. Law" and "The Simpsons." But those deals proved costly because some of the initial efforts of those two creators failed and ABC had agreed to cover all

In contrast to its latest deal, ABC owned no interest in the ultimate profits that new shows could generate when their reruns were sold to local stations and cable channels in the syndication market. If the new shows produced by the creators of "Home Improvement" — Matt Williams, Carmen Finestra and David

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LONDON - The European London Stocks Reach New High Community's currency grid came under severe strain on Tuesday after the Bundesbank again dashed hopes of an interest-rate cut, sparking hec-tic selling of the French franc.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

Currency Snipers Target French Franc

LONDON — Stocks prices rose Tuesday amid growing optimism of an economic recovery in Britain and elsewhere, pulling a key index up to its fourth consecutive record high.

The Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index rose 13.2

points, or 0.42 percent, to 2,792.

Prices have been rising ou indications that the U.S. economy might finally be picking up steam, as well as expectations that British interest-rate cuts could aid stocks. (Reuters, AFP) (Reuters, AFP)

saw no room to ease monetary poli- of crises and realignments. cy, despite calls to cut the interestrate burden hanging over Europe. Funds flowed to the mark, sap-ping other currencies including the lira, after Helmut Schlesinger, pres-

ident of the Bundesbank, said he pean currency system after a series Mr. Schlesinger told economists

at Cologne University that the de-The Bundesbank has been resisting pressure to cut rates and defuse tensions brewing again in the European currencies, such as the lire and the peseta, had in fact increased the

On Tuesday, old victims of ERM strain were also sucked into the latest drama. The lira, which left the system in September after the

rency defense.

pound, took a hammering and fell

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Outside Directors Seen As Fraud Cure in U.K.

By Erik Ipsen

LONDON - Nincteen months after it was set up to reform a system that allowed a series of corporate failures, the mended Tuesday that British companies increase oversight by outside directors.

The panel's report and accompanying Code of Best Practice garnered tepid reviews. "It is a voluntary code that will likely be obeyed by the companies that are well run and ignored by those that are not," said Jim Carty, partner at the Robson Rhodes accounting firm.

Companies listed on the London Stock Exchange must comply with the code or reveal that they have not done so beginning in the financial year that will end on June 30, 1993.

The two-page code requires listed companies to have a minimum of three outside, or nonexecutive, directors "of caliber" on their boards and to have an audit committee with at least three nonexecutive directors.

With an eye toward abuses of executives such as Asil Nadir, whose arrest for fraud led to the 1990 collapse of Polly Peck International PLC, and Robert Mayell whose arrest for fraudical PLC, and Robert Mayell whose arrest for fraudical PLC. Maxell, whose media empire

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crumbled after his death in No-vember 1991 led to revelations of massive debt and misconduct. the code stresses the need for "a balance of power and authority, such that no one individual has unfettered powers of decision."

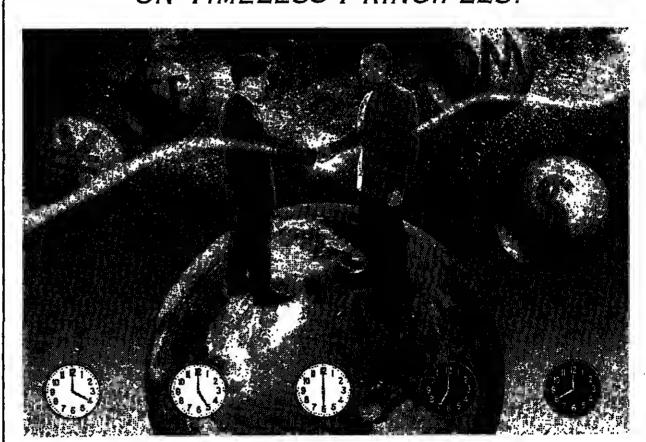
Sir Adrian Cadbury, chairman of the commission and former chairman of Cadbury Schweppes PLC, conceded a code of sufficient strength to guarantee no future scandals would be so burdensome that directors would be unable to manage their companies.

Much of the debate over the lequacy of the code centers on enforcement. "Many of the proposals seem very sensible but the question is, will they work," said Michael Power, a lecturer at the London School of Economics.

The key to ensuring compliance is the requirement for all anies to state whether they are in compliance or to offer explanations for those areas in which they are not. That requirement will force the issues out into the open where sharehold-ers can theoretically reach con-clusions about whether those explanations are adequate.

"A lot will depend on wheth-er they are complying with the letter of the code or its spirit," said Ian Burgess, an analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd.

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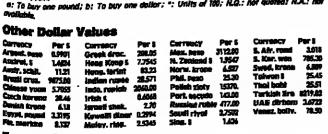
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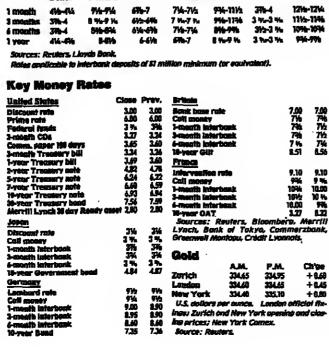
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Disney's Drop Pulls **Blue Chips Lower**

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks move quickly to implement investment and tax credits for smaller in Well Discussions as a slump in Well Discussion of the control with the control of the control with the control of the contr in Walt Disney Co. shares dragged blue-chip issues lower. Over-thecounter stocks continued to climb enabled stocks to recover from a to oew highs.

ended a four-session rally, came in in the afternoon, traders said. the face of more good news about

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Blair, head equity trader at County the best pace since May.

en higher by the perception that by nonemployee shareholders.

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The latest economic reports also

leading economic indicators rose 0.4 percent in October. Meanwhile, the National Association of Purchasing the economy. "The market's been Management's index surged to 55.0 up four days in a row," said John in November from 50.6 in October,

NatWest Securities. "At some point, you expect some kind of pullback."

Discey, the most actively traded U.S. stock, tumbled 1% to 40½. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 10.80 points to close at 3.294.36. Disney shares accounted million shares at \$40 a share

on news that the company's chairman and president had jointly sold about 5 million shares.

Decliners edged out advancers on the New York Stock Exchange. Trading was unusually active, with about 259 million shares changing hands on the Big Board, up from 206 million on Monday.

Standard & Poor's 500 slipped 0.57 from Monday's record high to close at 430.78, while the Nasdaq combined composite index rose

ERM: Speculators Target Franc

Monday's 875.25.
But dealers said the focus was still on the situation inside the battle-scarred money grid. The Danish

Foreign Exchange

krone, also considered a selling target, followed the franc down and was 3.8930 to the mark in late European trade, approaching its 3.901 floor. But the Irish punt was holding steady at Monday's levels.

■ German View Hits Dollar

The dollar fell Tuesday in light trading against major foreign cur-rencies on the fresh signs from the Bundesbank that Germany was not ready to cut interest rates, news agencies reported from New York.

The U.S. currency lost nearly 2 pfennig, dropping to 1.5730 DM from 1.5903 DM on Monday. It dropped to 1.4045 Swiss francs from 1.4340 francs, to 5.3665 French francs from 5.4065 francs, and to 124.15 yen from 124.60 yen. The pound rose to \$1.5485 from \$1.5155.

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(Continued from first finance page) icy meeting Dec. 10 and subse-to around 885 to the mark from The pendulum of market opinin has swung to the extreme once again, and suddenly everyone thinks the Bundesbank will oever cut rates," said Keith Edmonds at

Natwest in London. The sell-off was triggered by the Schlesinger comments, but the fact is we've been hitting our head on 1.6050 for a while now," said Earl Johnson, vice president at Harris

Bankcorp in Chicago.

As the dollar lurched downward, other investors joined in the selling to cut their losses on dollar posi-

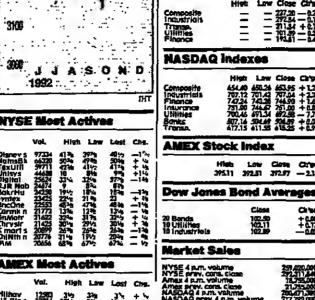
tions, traders said. The dollar is still on the uptrend," said Peter Wong a trader at Overseas Union Bank. "But the market's a little ahead of itself."

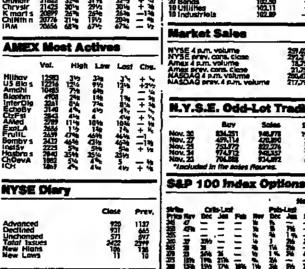
The large differential between high German rates and lower U.S. rates continues to make the mark a more attractive investment, Mr. Wong said. As a result, investors sell dollars to book profits whenever the dollar stalls above the 1.60 DM level, he said.

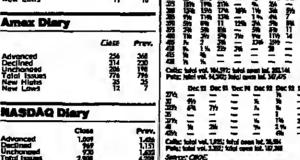
The dollar was also hurt by news reports that quoted Federal Reserve officials as saying that the

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Oil Prices Weaken Further

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatcher

NEW YORK —Oil prices fell Tuesday, with West Texas Intermediate futures for January delivery on the New York Mercantile Exchange off another 38 cents to close at \$19.51 per barrel. Traders said OPEC's 1993 first-quarter production agreement would not alleviate growing supplied and slack demand

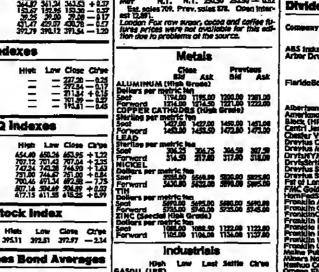
West Texas prices have fallen 76 cents since the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries concluded its talks in Vienna on Friday. Fed wasn't likely to raise short-term rates soon because inflation is under control.

(UPI, Bloomberg, Reuters)

January futures for the world benchmark crude oil, North Sea Brent Blend, touched seven-month lows of \$18.59 per barrel in London and were trading around \$18.66 after closing Monday at \$18.84.

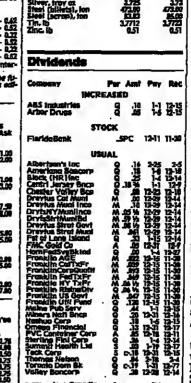
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Manila-Westinghouse Snag

MANILA - The Philippines rejected a compromise Tuesday with Westinghouse Electric Corp. to settle a dispute over a miclear power plant, and the country said it would pursue a lawsuit against the company for allegedly bribing the late president Ferdinand E. Marcos.

President Fidel Ramos said the government was breaking off resonant rines Ramos said the government was incating on regotiations with Westinghouse on a "conditional settlement" reached in March, under which the company would have repaired and operated the mothballed 620-megawatt power plant on the Bataan peninsula northwest of Manila.

"Both parties negotiated in good faith, but in the end Westing-house was unable to offer terms and conditions which provided a substantial net benefit to the country," Mr. Ramos said. He said the government would explore alternative agreements with other foreign companies to repair and operate the \$2.2 billion plant.

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Eisner Sells Disney Shares

BURBANK, California (UPI) — Walt Disney Co. said Tuesday that its two top executives, Michael D. Eisner and Frank G. Wells, sold 5.09 million shares of the company's stock for about \$203.6 million, in part

million shares of the company's stock for about 5203.6 million, in part because they feared tax-law changes would pressure Disney's earnings.

Disney shares fell \$1.625, to \$40.50, on the New York Stock Exchange.

Mr. Eisner, the chairman, and Mr. Wells, the president, exercised stock options granted to them in 1984 when they were hired. Disney released a portion of Mr. Eisner's letter to shareholders in the upcoming 1992 annual report, which said tax considerations were behind the sales as well as the impending expirations of the options in 1994. There was no way to extend that date (we tried) and, with the strong

likelihood of impending tax legislation that would, if exacted, result in substantial additional tax liability to the company, it became evident that now was the time to exercise those options," said the letter from Mr. Esner who retains 3 million shares. "I insisted that Frank Wells do the same." The letter did not specify how much might be lost, but Ray Watson.

chairman of Disney's executive committee, said the company could have faced a loss in the range of \$90 million if the law were changed, as has been proposed, to limit the deduction for executive compensation to \$1 million The executives sold the shares, which accounted for about 1 percent of the company's equity, at \$40 each to Goldman, Sachs & Co. and said they were being redistributed to a broad oumber of buyers. Disney stock had been declining earlier in the day because of an analyst's prediction of bigger losses than expected at the EuroDisney theme park.

Smith Barney Takes Stake in Hoare

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Smith Barney, Harris Upham & Co., the brokerage subsidiary of Primerica Corp., said Tuesday it was purchasing a 20 percent stake in HG Asia Holdings Inc., the former Hoare Govett Asia, The price was not disclosed.

In March, Security Pacific Corp. sold the Hoare Govett Asia opera-

In March, Security Pacific Corp. sold the Hoare Govett Asia operations to managers and a Hong Kong company whose main shareholders were Kuwait and Hong Leong Co. of Malaysia. ABN AMRO Holding NV of the Netherlands bought the European Hoare business from Security Pacific, which announced the sales after its agreement to be acquired by BankAmerica Corp.

"We are clearly at the point where sophisticated customers, both individual and institutional, are interested in what is the best stock in the world, not just the best stock in the U.S." said Jeffrey Lane, Smith Barney's vice chairman. Smith Barney has about 100 employees in Tokyo, 45 in Hong Kong and 40 in Singapore, while HG Asia has about 200 employees and offices in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Jakarta, Bombay, Sydney, Taipei, Seoul, Manila, London and New York.

Dell Upgrades Personal Computers

AUSTIN, Texas (Reuters) — Dell Computer Corp. launched an upgraded line of personal computers on Tuesday, saying the sales could top \$1 billion next year in the United States alone.

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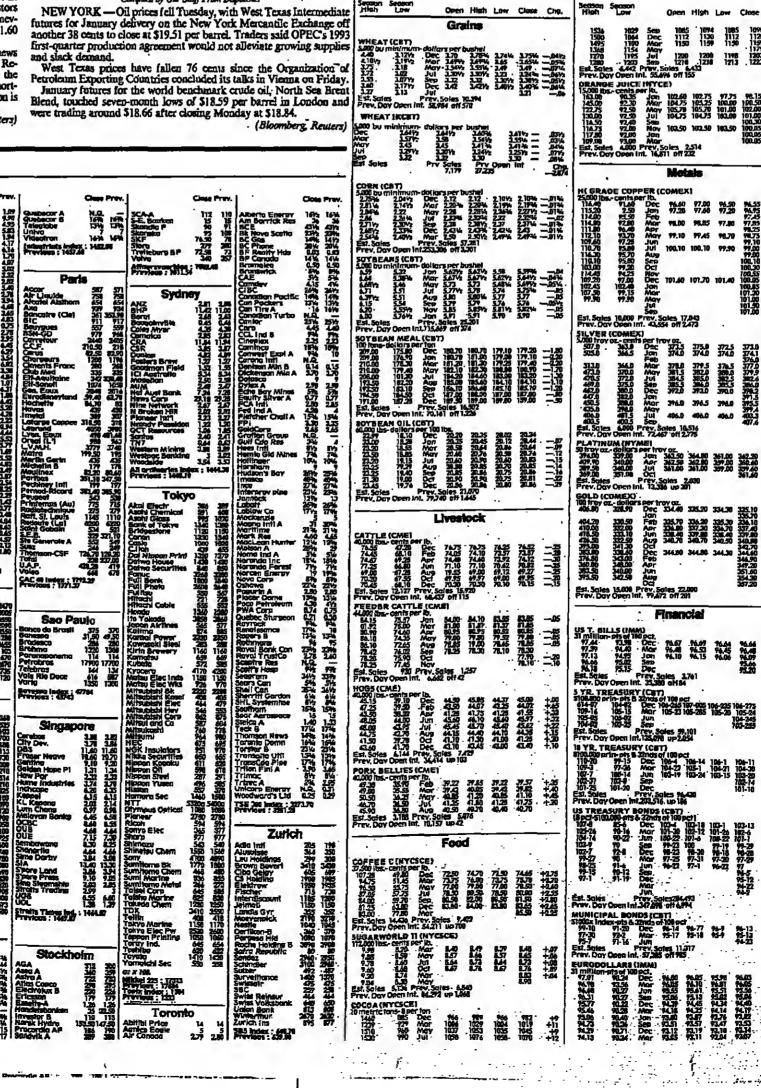
In what the company described as its biggest product introduction, Dell rolled out 18 new 486-based PC systems that are not only 51 percent more powerful than the desktops they replace but cheaper as well. The new machines cost as little as \$1,200 and are based on Intel Corp.'s most advanced chips — the 486 series of SX, DX and DX2 microprocessors.

The amnouncement came just a day after Dell announced an 18 percent price cut for 386- and 486-based models.

U.S. Criticizes Taiwan Over Currency

WASHINGTON (Renters) — The Treasury criticized the Taiwan government for keeping its currency artificially low against the U.S. dollar to get an unfair trade advantage and pile up foreign exchange. "With continued large external surpluses, close to \$90 billion in foreign-exchange reserves and a high growth rate, this economy doesn't need rigid, state-imposed foreign-exchange restrictions," the Treasury said in a report to Congress on international exchange rate policies. The report said China also manipulates the value of its currency to make its products cheaper abroad.

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A Coup in Haute Couture

Scherrer Ousted From His Fashion House

By Suzy Menkes of Herald Tribune

PARIS - Jean-Louis Scherrer was thrown out Tuesday from the couture house that carries his name - a first in the history of high fashion - in a bid to return the ailing enterprise to profitability.

Patrick Thomas, Scherrer's president, announced the abrupt departure of the designer and his immediate replacement by Erik Mortensen, 67, designer for Pierre Balmain until 1990:

Citing "serious losses" for the past three years. which he said are expected to reach 40 million Prench francs (57.4 million) in 1992 on revenue of 140 million francs, Mr. Thomas said that drastic action was needed to save the house. He said 65 employees, or about half the staff, would lose their bs, although this would not include personnel from the conture section.

The decision to remove Mr. Scherrer was made by the house's financial backer, Seibn-Saison of Japan, which took a majority shareholding with Hermes in the Paris house in April 1990. The debacle is part of the continuing story of the

takeover of high fashion by businesses with eyes fixed on the bottom line.

Mr. Scherrer, 56, who holds 10 percent of the stock and now loses not only a livelihood but also his trading name, said Tuesday: "I am in a state of shock. I can't believe it. I am going to fight this

He said it was "incredible" that he should have been shown the door by Seibu and Hermès and accused of faute lourde, a term implying gross professional misconduct.

At a press conference given by Kuniko Tsutsumi of Scibu-Saison, Mr. Thomas outlined the restructuring, which should allow the house to post an operating profit by the end of 1993.

Ms. Tsutsumi said the backers would inject a further 25 million francs of capital, bringing the investment since 1990 to 100 million francs, excluding the purchase price, which was never disclosed.

We found that the financial situation was not as good as we had been led to believe and the ambitious program of licenses, did not yield the expected results," Mr. Thomas said. "But above all it was a problem of chemistry between the new owners and Mr. Scherrer."

Mr. Mortensen said Tuesday that the house's mistake was to be too concentrated on an Arab clientèle. Mr. Mortensen, who was himself shown the door at Balmain when the financier Alain Chevalier took over, will make his high-fashion comeback at Scherrer in January.

In the expansive 1980s, when high fashion was on a roll financiers saw haute couture as a lossmaking locomotive that could drive a gravy train of licensed products and especially perfumes. Since then, the world of fashion and luxury goods has fallen on hard times and investors are no

onger willing to tolerate those losses. In the 1980s, Bernard Arnault revved up Dior (throwing out its long-serving designer Marc Rohan), gained control of Givenchy and set up the house of Christian Lacroix. Both Givenchy and Lacroix have recently expressed disquiet at the lack of personal contact with their backer.

At Balmain, both backers and designers have come and gone. In November, Erich Fayer, Balmain's previous owner who bought the house back from Mr. Chevalier at a knock-down price, hired the American designer Oscar de la Renta as contuner.

Yet there are still big players in the luxury market in the 1990s. Dunhill, which bought the house of Chloë in 1985, installed Karl Lagerfeld as designer this year. And the company is reputedly eying the Italian luxury-goods company Gucci.

JOBS: Hard Times Dent Equal Opportunity in Japan

(Continued from first finance page) cal and one of the few women who have climbed to the near-top of Japan's managerial ladder. "Everything has hit a very big wall even before we made a first big leap

The law, they say, has been little help. Companies are urged to "endeavor" to reach the goals, but face no penalty if they fail.

The 1985 law, passed by Parliament just before the expiration of the UN Decade for Women, dictated that companies could not discriminate on the basis of sex in hiring, assignment, or promotion. Soon afterward, the number of women hired in Japan rose dramatically. Now they make up more than 40 percent of the work force. Slightly more than half of all Japa-

soured, to 20 percent of working women in Japan.

Many of those were part of the huge corps of what Japan loosely terms its part-time workers, many of whom actually work more than 40 hours a week. But when Japan's boom came to an abrupt end, part-time workers were the first to go.

The problems may be deepest in the managerial ranks. Japan's largest companies and banks have been most resistant to giving women responsibility over other employees. By the government's count, there were 140,000 women in managerial jobs the year before the equal-op-portunity law was enacted. In 1990, the number had risen only to

The statistics suggest that even that rise is questionable. Six years after the law went into effect, the number of women bired at contract.

in office clerical work. But the number of women in manufacturing also — Mitsubishi Corp., C. Itoh and Nissho Iwai Corp. — can be count-ed on the fingers of one hand. Yet by the companies' accounts, 10 percent or more of applicants are

> "Women just don't want to work in career-track positions, I guess," Mitsubishi's spokesman said.

> Women tell another story. They say Japanese companies often encourage men to marry within the company. As a result, young women say they are often judged according to their appearance, questioned about their family background, and asked in detail about their living arrangements. For many companies, it is still unacceptable for young women employees to live alone rather than with their families.

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Up for Sale

day it would privatize its 5,000 big-gest companies next year, but officials acknowledged that it was hard rule out retaliation. to tell which were likely industrial

tential failures. parliament that the massive priva-

"For the first time, the state is The dispute affects \$1 billion not taking away from its citizens worth of exports from six EC countries."

He said the 5,000 companies trade of \$100 billion a year, the would be sold off at special sales political importance of Europe's lawhere Russia's 150 million people would be able to buy shares in individual companies in exchan privatization wouchers that are being distributed free to all citizens.

But Dmitri Vasilyev, deputy head of the Russian Committee on State Property, said the volatile economic situation and absence of estern accounting methods made it hard to pick winners and losers.

"With the enterprises we're deal-ing with now, it's very hard to tell whether they're potential giants in the future economy or whether they're bankrupt, because the situation in the market is still very unstable," he said.

"The danger exists, of course, that some enterprises will go bank-rupt. That is real. But there's no way out of this situation except to move towards the market," he said. Mr. Vasilyev said the privatization proposals for next year would be passed to parliament for its ap-

Officials said individuals, large investors and foreign investors could take part in the anctions, where the price of shares will be set according to demand.

But in the middle of a slump that has sent industrial output plunging by one-fifth this year and forced many companies to lay off workers or pale up debts, many Russians are

deeply skeptical of the plan.
Disregarding Mr. Yeltsin's exhortations to join in creating a society with "millions of owners instead of a handful of millionaires, many people have already sold their vouchers for cash at well below their face value of 10,000 rubles (\$22).

Those expecting to stay for a The government has responded career-track position often say that by widening the use of the vouchers

Russia Puts EC Won't Rule Out Major Firms Steel Retaliation

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches
BRUSSELS — The European Community said Tuesday that duties placed by the United States on MOSCOW - Russia said Tues- steel exports from 12 countries were a threat to a global trade agreement, and the EC refused to

The EC Commission described powerhouses and which were po- the U.S. move as unjustified. "This unilateral move is not necessarily President Boris N. Yeltsin told fruitful for the climate of the general negotiation," a spokesman said, retization drive, reversing decades of ferring to the six years of trade talks mounist state control, repre-known as the Uruguay Round unsented the transfer of a major part of Russia's wealth to private hands.

"For the first time, the state is The dispute affects \$1 billion

but making them owners of a large tries of rolled flat steel, widely used portion of national property," the president said.

The president said tries of rolled flat steel, widely used in manufacturing. Although this is a small part of the overall EC-U.S.

The U.S. duties also affect steel from Anstria, Mexico, Brazil, Sweden, South Korea and New Zealand. The steel disagreement crupted just 10 days after an accord to end a bitter U.S.-EC dispute over farm subsidies. That agreement removed a major obstacle to the conclusion of the 108-country GATT talks.

whether the Community would retaliate, said it was studying possible responses. "This protest does not exclude any other imitiatives," the Commission spokesman said. Under GATT rules, the EC must

delay retaliatory measures until the U.S. duties become permanent -a step not expected until the end of March for some of the duties and late May for others. The French state-owned steel-

maker Usinor-Sacilor said the Community should challenge the legality of the U.S. duties. We want the EC to take the issue to GATT to see if U.S. rules or the

way they are applied are compatible with GATT," said Yves-Thibault de Silgry, director of international atfairs at Usinor-Sacilor. Francis Mer, chairman of Usinor-Sacilor, which controls

most French steel production, said the quarrel provoked the threat of a trade war. Speaking in New York, he said Enrope could not "fail to react," if the United States pushed through the anti-dumping duties. Mr. Mer said his company would have to cut annual steel production by 500,000 metric tons a year if the duties were made permanent.
(Reuters, AP, Bloomberg, AFX)

British Executives Rank As Europe's Optimists

LONDON — Having been the first European country into recession apparently has its advantages. A survey of European businessmen to be published Wednesday reveals that while the mood elsewhere in Europe grows grimmer, British businessmen rank as Europe's most confident

Three-fifths of the British executives surveyed expect their companies' prospects to pick up in the next year, versus 22 percent of German businessmen, whom the poll now ranks as Europe's most

The poll, conducted in late October and November by Harris Research for United Parcel Service, shows a steep decline in business optimism across Europe. The prior poll, in April, showed 55 percent of executives expected better times for their companies, while 6 percent feared worse times. The latest reading puts those figures at

38 percent and 19 percent, respectively.

Asked which country would show the strongest growth over the next three years, the respondents overwhelmingly put Germany at the top. One-third of British executives surveyed said they expected their country to top the growth charts, a view shared by just 12 percent of their Continental counterparts. But 48 percent of respondents said they expected Britain to be Europe's laggard, second only to Italy.

European businessmen also expressed strong support for the Maastricht Treaty on European Union. As for the site of the future European central bank, European businessman put Frankfurt and Brussels ahead of London.

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Very briefly:

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Solvay SA, Belgimm's largest chemicals concern, said it expected group net profit to be slightly lower than the 11.69 billion francs (\$354 million) earned in 1991, due to the general slowdown in Europe.

GEC Alethom has received an order worth 5.4 billion French francs (51 hillion) to deliver 135 locomotives to the French railway system.

 Bertiner Bank AG said partial operating profit in the first 10 months of 1992 surged 60 percent to 281 million Deutsche marks (\$175 million), largely due to the merger with Berliner Stadtbank of Eastern Germany. • Czechoslovakia has received more capital from U.S. investors than from Germans this year, the economic daily Hospodarske Noviny said.

City of London magistrates extended bail for two sons of the late Robert Maxwell until April 1.

Remark SA and Volvo AB are to set up a joint product-planning unit for the development of two car model series, a Renault spokesman said. • Trafaleur House PLC slashed its dividend to 6 pence per share for the year ending in September, from 18.4 pence the previous year.

Zambia kicked off a privatization program as 37 companies issued bids

• Eastern Electricity, Britain's biggest regional electricity company, said it would cut 450 jobs over the next three months. Beiersdorf AG said it had recovered British and Commonwealth rights

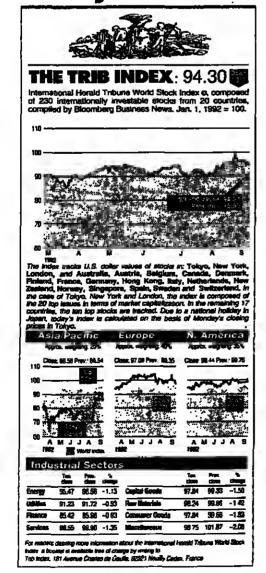
to Nivea, the hand cream, that it lost during World War II when Britain gave the rights to Smith & Nephew PLC. Banco Bozano, Simonsen of Brazil has agreed to acquire a 12 percent stake in Latinvest, a London-based investment bank.

• Iveco BV, the commercial-vehicle arm of Fiat SpA, said it expected a 10 percent drop in commercial vehicle sales in 1993, with a 30 percent drop

likely in Germany. Groupe Le Monde, holding company of the French newspaper, said it posted a loss of 16.14 million francs in 1991, narrowed from 24.76 million

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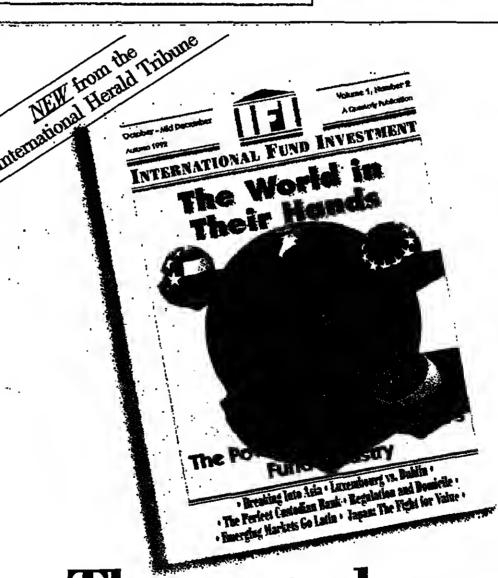


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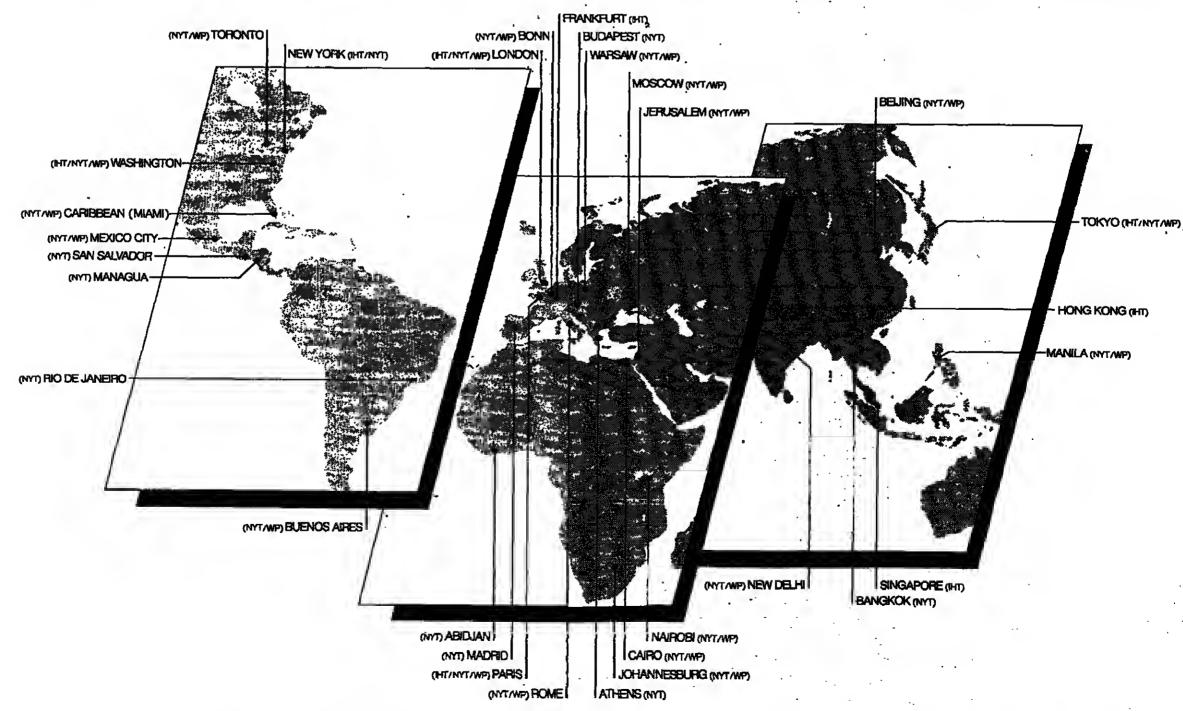
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48 Charged In Taiwan Scandal

TAIPEI — Forty-eight people, including one of Taiwan's leading stock-market speculators, were charged on Tuesday with violating securities laws in the island's largest stock scandal.

They were indicted for allegedly defaulting on payments for stock purchases totaling 3 billion Taiwan dollars (\$117.8 million) in September and manipulating share prices, said the Tabes chief prosecutor,

name Chun-shan. Authorities are still investigating whether to press charges related to a further 6 billion dollars of stockpsyment defaults that occurred at the same time, he said. The defendants, who could face

up to seven years in prison, include Lei Polung, one of the biggest players in the Taiwan market.

Also charged were businessmer who lent money to Mr. Lei, people who acted as fronts for his activities, and Alex Hsu, a board member of Formosan Rubber Group Inc., a company at the center of the seandal, Mr. Chuang said. Mr. Lei and Mr. Hsu denied wrongdoing, Mr. Chuang added.

The payment defaults sent the stock market plunging to a 20-month low in September, and it has remained weak since then with trading activity near three-year lows. The index closed at 3,646.76 on Tuesday, 32 percent below this year's peak.

Tokyo Job Crunch: Less Help Wanted

By Paul Blustein Washington Post Service

TOKYO — Japan's struggling economy sank below a psychologi-cally important barrier as figures released Tuesday showed that the number of people looking for jobs exceeded the number of job vacancies in October.

The report marked the first time in four and a half years that the closely watched ratio of job openings to job seakers fell below 1. The ratio dipped to 0.96 last month, according to the Labor Ministry.

The figure means that there were 96 jobs available for every 100

people looking for work, and the news was widely viewed as a fresh sign that Japan's slowdown is likely to seriously affect millions of ordinary Japanese. The government showed its concern by ordering local governments to take measures simed at shoring up employment. Until Tuesday, the ratio was an oft-cited indicator that, despite tumbling corporate profits and mounting bank loan losses, conditions for most workers remained favorable because strong demand for labor

generated more job openings than there were people to fill them.

The ratio peaked at 1.47 in March 1991, at the height of a labor shortage engendered by Japan's extraordinary boom of the late 1980s, and while the ratio has fallen steadily since then it has stayed

Thesday's report hardly means that Japan is on the verge of suffering the sort of mass joblessness that Japan is on the verge of suffering the sort of mass joblessness that has stricken the United States during its recent recession. Indeed, the Labor Ministry also reported that Japan's unemployment rate remained unchanged at

Moreover, severe labor shortages remain in many areas outside of Tokyo, Osaka and other big cities, according to the report. "But there is a psychological factor now, because the figure is easy to understand — if the number of jobs offered is 96, and the number of people wanting jobs is 100, someone has to be dissatisfied," said Noborn Kawai, an economist at Morgan Stanley's Tokyo office. "So as an indicator, it's a shock."

Already, he noted, people looking for work are considerably more limited in the sort of jobs they can find than was the case a comple of

years ago.

The slackening in the labor market is the result of efforts by Japan's biggest companies, such as Nissan, Hitachi and Nomura Securities, to trim their work forces in the face of singuish demand.

Japan and EC Are Unable to Agree On Forecast That Sets Car Exports

By Steven Brull

Tokyo — Japan and the European Community ended two days of talks here on Tuesday without agreeing on market conditions that will determine the level of Japanese car exports to Europe next year.

The two sides failed to concur on a forecast for new-car demand in the EC next year -- an outlook that would help determine the level of Japanese exports. Nor could they agree on ways to modify the export-monitoring system for the 1993-1999 period, officials said. Brussels and Tokyo introduced a

monitoring agreement in 1986 that used a demand forecast for the 12nation car market to determine the accord was updated in July last year for a seven-year transition period from the start of the integrated EC market in 1993 and an end to share." export restraints in 1999.

to set production levels, both sides agree, but it has been unclear if

A trade ministry official said lo-

We must bear in mind the difficulties the EC car industry is having.'

as it affected the ability of EC maklevel of Japanese auto exports. The ers to restructure. "We must bear in

Japanese market share in the The accord is meant to give the EC now stands at 11 percent. But cles, the Japan Antomobile European car industry time to restructure and boost its competitive-makers in the Community could double this year from last year's next year in Brussels.

more efficient Japanese producers. level of about 300,000 units, said Japanese makers in Europe are free Stephen Usher, an analyst at Stephen Usher, an analyst at Kleinwort Benson Securities.

Unable to agree on a demand those levels would be considered a forecast for the Community for factor in determining export vol- next year, negotiators did not discuss export numbers, officials said. Both sides concurred that 1992 de-mand would fail 1.5 percent to 2.0 percent below 1991's level of 13.89 million vehicles. But for 1993 Brussels foresaw a marginal fail where Tokyo said it expected a slight rise. Japanese car exports in 1992 are forecast to total 1.185 million units.

Complicating the negotiations are next year's abolition of Japanese car import quotas in Italy, Spain, France and Britain and the global downturn in auto sales. Now the Japanese car industry is mind the difficulties the EC car in deep trouble, so things aren't so industry is having," he said. "But simple," the trade ministry official said. Sales of new cars, trucks and buses in Japan in November skid-ded 12.3 percent, to 434,100 vehicles, the Japan Automobile Dealers The two sides plan to meet early

Chrysler Has Right Jeep for Japan

right-hand-drive car on the Japanese market. Chrysler's Japanese subsidiary said it would sell right-hand-drive Jeeps starting next month. General Motors Corp. has said it would sell right-hand-drive Saturns and Ford Motor Co. smnounced it would sell Probes made at the Flat Rock, Michigan, plant of its affiliate Mazda Motor Corp., to Japan, but Chrysler appears to be the first U.S. company ready to enter

The steering wheels on Japanese cars usually go on the right. U.S. automakers complaining they could not sell cars in Japan were criticized for falling to modify their cars to fit the Japanese standard.

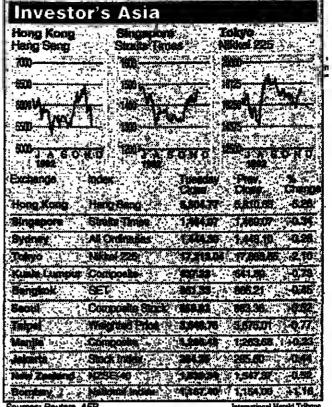
Chrysler said it would trim the price of the right-hand drive Jeep Cherokee to \$30,040 from the current \$43,000 price tag on the left-hand models.

TOKYO — Chrysler Corp. said Tuesday it would be the first of the Big Three U.S. automakers to place a right-hand-drive car on the Ispanese made. nese consumers, which makes the cars expensive," a spokesman said. "But from January, they will be prospokesman said. But from January, was wided with specifications for the Japanese market in the assembly stage — this cuts the cost greatly.

The company also plans to sell in Japan 1993 models of its Jeep Grand Cherokee and Jeep Wrangler, both of which will have steering wheels on the left side, the

Izumi Kato of Chrysler Japan Sales Ltd. said the company planned to sell 2,500 Jeeps in the 1993 finan-cial year, about 30 percent more than this year. About half of the expected 1993 sales will be right-hand drive

Chrysler sold 1,491 vehicles in Japan in 1991, up 4.1 percent from a year earlier and accounting for 0.76 percent of imported cars sold in Japan. (UPI, AP)



Very briefly:

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· Makysian police arrested two men in connection with a syndicate's attempt to cheat stock markets of 26 million ringgit (\$10.4 million) by altering share certificates; about one-fifth of the falsified shares in 10 Malaysian companies were traded, in Singapore.

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. and Fuji Heavy Industries Ltd. will slow the production of parts for Boeing Co. and McDonnell Douglas Corp. in response to the U.S. makers' plans to cut aircraft output.

. Taiwan put an anti-dumping tariff on sodium dithionite imports from Japan, the first since Taipei promulgated its dumping law in 1984. Taiwan's Securities and Exchange Commission will lift bans on the operations of futures brokers on Jan. 10, permitting local investors to invest on exchanges in the United States, Britain, France and Singapore.

 The Chinese government will draw up regulations this week to clamp down on unanthorized tax breaks given to overseas investors by local authorities since the start of the year, the China Daily reported.

United Overseas Bank Ltd. became the first Singapore bank to receive approval to establish a representative office in Ho Chi Minh City.

 Sembawang Shipyard Ltd. of Singapore is to join with PT Dok.
 Surabaya, an indonesian state-owned shipyard, in ship-repair and other marine activities primarily in East Java. Resters, AP, Bloomberg, AFX

TV: ABC Deal Trims Role of Studios in Creating Series

(Continued from first finance page)

McFadzean — should prove successful in syndication. ARC would

cessful in syndication, ABC would share in profits that could reach hundreds of millions of dollars. None of the executives involved would disclose the financial terms of the deal

A third party in the deal is Walt Disney Co., which owns the copy-right to "Home Improvement." Disney will syndicate future shows created by the three producers for Wind Dancer, Mr. Williams previously had a contract with Disney, which paid him to create and produce shows for the studio, with Disney holding ownership rights.
That deal expired in October,

Mr. Iger said it was significant a network had made a deal directly with a program's creators, cutting out the production studio. "What Matt discovered was that given his track record, he really didn't need the services of a studio to sell his programs and to lobby for time

iperiods and things like that."

ABC's decision to guarantee "Home Improvement" a spot on its prime-time schedule for three years is unusual. The series is only a year and a half old, and ABC was under period because a network holds ex-clusive rights to a series for its first

But Mr. Iger said ABC recognized the series had performed remarkably. ABC had a financial incentive to extend the show now because negotiations for a hit program after its fourth year usually are difficult.

By ensuring "Home Improve-ment" will run at least five years, the deal guarantees there will be enough episodes to sell successfully in the syndication market. ■ Saturday Night Torpor

The continuing problem of try-ing to find viewers on Saturday night is leading two U.S. networks in different directions. CBS believes the answer is in one of the most traditional television

forms: the western. ABC has concluded that nothing traditional can work on Saturday night and that the solution lies in something totally new and experimental. Viewing of network channels has

croded on Saturday night more than on any other. Only 52 percent of homes now tune into over-theair networks. The loss is notable in

starting next month, the network will add a drama, "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman," about a woman doctor on the prairie. David F. Poltrack, senior vice president of research for CBS, called the show "the Saturday night solution" be-cause, he said, it would fulfill wide-spread viewer demand for wholesome family programming with a

bit of action. Dramas generally cost a network about \$1 million an boor, and the small number of viewers now available on Saturday night have made it almost impossible for any show to make that much in revenue.

Mr. Poltrack said CBS is addressing the cost issue by preselling "Dr. Quinn" to foreign markets. The show is produced by CBS, helping to keep costs manageable. CBS had a similar experience with a Saturday series last year, "P.S. I Law You." Foreign broad-

casters committed to buy the scrie for its entire run, but that turned out the early evening, as viewers turn to movies on independent and cable everything on Saturdays from "Twin Peaks" to "Covington "Twin Peaks" to "Covington about knights in to be less than two months.

SYDNEY - The Australian gov-running at 11.3 percent. The num-

gross domestic product rose 0.5 cent in the prior quarter. Net foreign debt rose 8.6 percent

in the quarter. "The recovery is still very weak," said Bill Evans, chief economist at Westpac Banking Corp.

Australia's treasurer, John Dawkins, said, "I expect that we will accelerate beyond this point -ABC tried two drams series in Cross," a show about knights in how far and how fast is a bit diffi-eptember. Both failed quickly, armor, is now convinced that dra-cult to say at this moment."

Australian Growth Creeps Along any inroads into unemployment, in the June quarter and 36.5 per-

ernment, facing elections within aix bered of unemployed is expected to months, suffered a setback on Tues- top 1 million before the elections, day with the release of data showing the by May, extremely slow economic growth The bureau said net foreign debt

and burgeoning foreign debt, rose to 162.84 billion Australian
The Bureau of Statistics said dollars (\$110.65 billion) in the percent in the three months ended in the June quarter and 138.03 bil-Sept. 30, for an annual rate of 2.1 itom dollars a year earlier. The napercent, following a rise of 0.4 per-cent in the prior quarter. tion's ratio of foreign debt to GDP rose to 42 percent from 39 percent

quarter, from 149,94 billion dollars

cent the previous year.

Jill Pieban, an economist with Macquarie Bank, said Toesday's figures left the door open to further cuts in official interest rates.

But Mr. Dawkins ruled out any minent cut in the key official interest rate, now at 5.75 percent He also said the government would not boost spending to spur growth. (AFP, Bloomberg)

Wharf Weighing Wuhan Deal

WUHAN, China — Hong Kong's Wharf Group is considering a deal to build a huge container port in Wuhan, which would be one of the most ambitious infrastructure projects in China, company officials said on Tuesday,

The project would transform the Yangtze river city into the transport laub for central China, scooping up manufactured goods from the largely untapped Yangize basin and shipping them by container downriver to Shanghai and Ningpo, or by train to Hong Kong.

"Within two months, the final decision will have to be made. We

are convinced it's workable," said Angus Davidson, director of Wharf Properties Ltd. He would not estimate the cost of the project.



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SPORTS TENNIS

Jubilantly, Swiss Ready for Unlikely Davis Cup Final

By Christopher Clarey New York Times Service

PARIS - Georges Deniau, like most French citizens, will never forget the scene: Guy Forget quivering with joy, flat on his back, Yannick Noah leaping skyward, Heari Leconte sinking to his knees and bursting into tears.

For Denisu, the images are all the more vivid because he was in Lyon last December when the French stunned the Americans to win the Davis Cup after a 59-year drought. "It was marvelous for me, an old

French player," Deniau said re-cently. "To see it finally return to France after they had worked so long well, I cried in the stands. Then I went to the locker room, quickly kissed them all and left. It was their party."
A year later, Deniau could be on

the verge of his own celebration. As the national coach in neighboring Switzerland, the expatriate Frenchman is one of the driving forces behind another improbable Davis Cup adventure. This time, it is the Swiss who are the surprise finalists. But unlike the French, they will have to face the heavily favored Americans in hostile territory: Fort Worth, Texas, this weekend.

While the Swiss have two fine players in Jakob Hlasek, a former top 10 player now ranked No. 34, and Marc Rosset, the gold medalist at the Barcelona Games and ranked No. 36, the Americans have No. 1 Jim Courier, No. 3 Pete Sampras and No. 9 Andre Agassi. They also have an inspirational element that was missing last year, John McEnroe, ranked No. 20.

"Maybe we're going to get crushed, 5-0, but don't tell me there's no chance," Rosset said. "If two teams are also strong. Denian

1 didn't believe we could win, I'd

stay home and go ski."

Rosset, a 22-year-old, gangly bon vivant with an explosive serve, can be forgiven for waxing positive. When the year began, the Swiss had never won a round in the World Group, the elite bracket of Davis

But then Richard Krajicek, the Netherlands' top player, missed the opening round with an injury; Noah msuccessfully juggled the French incup in the quarterfinals, and near-ly 18,000 Swiss lugged their cow bells indoors and abandoned their nal victory over Brazil in Geneva.

They could have had 30,000

people, but there was no more room in the arena," said Roger Jaumin, a journalist for Le Matin, the country's leading French-lan-guage daily. "In Switzerland, the three biggest sports are soccer, Al-pine skiing and hockey. In soccer, we haven't qualified for a World Cup in 20 years. In sking, we're so used to winning that it's become nearly banal. In hockey, our best finish in a major championship is fourth. I'm not sure I've ever seen anything here to match the enthusin for this final."

The Swiss cup team traces the roots of this uncharacteristic national mania to the French victory

"In the French part of Switzer-land, we watch French TV, listen to French radio stations and read French papers," said Rosset, a Geneva native. "I think the people got a little hit frustrated that the French were speaking about noth-



Georges Denian talking to the U.S. captain, Tom Gorman, between practices in Fort Worth, Texas, where the final will start Friday.

just like the Australians and the swedes used to show it," said Hlasek, 28, who lives in Zurich. "And I man speaking Switzerland.

Denian, who does not speak German and apparently isn't keen to start, protested and at first refused

was a French national coach and Unfortunately for the Swiss, has been directing the Swiss cup their team spirit has suffered renas been directing the Swiss cup squad for 10 years and running the Swiss national program for three. Swiss national program for three. going conflict between Deniau and Hissek and Forget, both former the Swiss Termis Federation. The pupils of Deniau, won the 1990 the Swiss Termis Federation. The first source of discord was the federation the closest of friends. The French last year showed how a Davis Cup should be done— Swizerland, to Burgdorf, in German Line of the Auttralians and the swizerland, special of the swiger showed the swizerland, special of the swizerland that the sw

the French, it had an even bigger to consider making the move. Rosimpact on us. The Davis Cup thing set and Hlasek reacted by threatening friendship and togetherness. The ing not to play Davis Cup next year m menusum and togetherness. The ing not to play Davis Cup next year spirit of the team is as important as the quality of the players."

Unfortunately for the Swiss, October, when the federation an- On Nov. 11, after a vote of no nounced a new concept for junior confidence from his players, development that called for an increased emphasis on private coach-- running counter to Denian's mitri (Tim) Sturdza. desire to keep most of the top ju-niors under his tutelage. What inked Rosset and Hlasek was that one of the architects of the new

> A meeting between Denian and teration officials on Nov. 6 did improve hopes for a compromise. But Stadler was unable to repair his relations with Rosset and Hlasek.

Stadler resigned and was replaced by a former Davis Cup player, Di-

In spite of the infighting the Swiss can take heart in Rosset's maturation and in Hlasek's 2-1 caone of the architects of the new reer edge over Agassi and I-0 edge plan was Roland Stadler, who is the over Courier. Also, Rosset and official Davis Cup captain. Federation rules prohibit Denian from ocat the French Open. But the American cupying the captaincy because he is cans are stronger than last year, not a Swiss citizen. and the element of surprise is no and the element of surprise is no

longer a factor.
"I love the Swiss, and you never know in Davis Cap," said Noah.
"But I wouldn't put my money on

Some Golf Therapy On Scotland's Links

By Jaime Diaz New York Times Service "The game was invented a billion

years ago. Don't you remember?"
— Old Scottish saying. NEW YORK -As it has undergone a second tidal wave of popularity since Arnold Palmer first shook the world, golf in much of the world has been suffering from a case of the terrible toos: too slow, too expensive, too elaborate, too

self-conscious and too hard. Too often, the packaged golf experience begins with paying something frighteningly close to \$100 for a five-hour journey in an electric cart, which, the golfer is instructed, is to remain wedded to a

concrete path.

The golfer maneuvers the vehicle between island greens and condoininms, stopping only for quick excursions onto a carpet of overwa-tered emerald grass, from where he or she will try to avoid hitting the ball into a lake or someone's backyard. As more golfers have been shunted through this sterile production line, the pendulum has begun to swing back to a more elemental approach to an ancient game.

American architects have been building courses that are less penal, flow more with the indigenous terrain, cost less to play and maintain, and are more conducive to walking. With luck, golf in America will be a better game by the year 2000.

Of course, the transition would

be quick and complete if all golfers could take a pilgrimage to Scotland. In the land where golf was invented and has been played by the working classes for 500 years, the natives have never allowed the su-perfinous to intrude on the game's sublime simplicity. In Scotland, more than anywhere else in the

world, there is pure golf.

That belief was bolstered on a weeklong trip that my father and 1 made last month. We crisscrossed the country to play five classic links courses — North Berwick, Gullane, St. Andrews, Turnberry and Prest-

wick — in three days.

On a links course in the British Isles — and only a few true links exist anywhere else in the world — the golfer feels like a time traveler. By standing on the first tee, he has stepped back through centuries to what is literally common ground

and common experience.
On the gnarled, tumbling 14th hole at North Berwick, called Perhole at North Berwick, called Per-fection, the game seems so old that and what seemed like the entire imagining your playing partner to be a shepherd latting a rock with a crook is effortless.

Physically, a links is an invigo- fornia, ming environment, made to walk. Because less has been done to them than any courses on earth, the rumpled links have a natural, unadouned beauty.

The colors are rich but muted, an almost khaki green turf blending into a gummetal gray sky. The sounds are the dull roar of the wind, broken by the crunch of spikes on hard packed turf. The smells are a clean mix of ocean air and cool, energizing menthol from the heather, gorse and sandy soil.

A finks is the lituus test of skill and attitude. It asks the golfer if he has the imagination to improvise, if

he can absorb with humor and wis- Somehow, I knew, it had every-

this type of play, and ultimately, if he can put aside the preoccupation with score and enjoy the simple act

It is an approach that comes easily to the Scots, a people whose history of economic and political deprivation has made them adept at taking the bad with the good. Accordingly, they love the game in its totality, and look upon its inherent unfairness as just another facet

of an overriding cosmic joke.

Armed with that philosophy, the
game is played briskly, without the
fidgety indecision and general wassed motion so common elsewhere. Scots do not take "multigans." and play preferred lies only when the greenskeeper is trying to pro-tect the condition of the turf. The arc of their swings tends to be com-pact, all the better to keep the ball

On a links course in the British Isles the golfer feels like a time traveler.

low and out of the wind and in the fairway, from where the game can keep moving. Three-hour rounds are the standard in Scotland.

In short, the Scots seem to know something about the game that most of the rest of the world does not, and the quiet certainty with which they carry that presumed knowledge has entranced us. I know that each of the six times I've been to Scotland to work and

play golf. I've gone home with a wonderful sensation of reflective ease. For the first few days back, problems seemed solvable, and tasks were welcomed challenges. Our recent trip had a similar effect on my father, a 63-year-old, 9-

handicap golfer who has played nearly every weekend for 30 years. He isn't steeped in the history of the game, but he feels the ancestral lure. Like Bobby Jones, his favorite course is the Old Course at St. Andrews, even though hidden pot

bunkers frequently catch his 180vard drives. This time, he particularly loved Tumberry, a course off the Irish Sea whose tall dunes and jagged cliffs make it perhaps the most dra-matic course in Scotland. On an

A few days after we returned. I called my father at home in Cali-

Ayrshire coastline to ourselves.

"You know, I can't get that Tumberry out of my mind said. "I remember every hole. I've been having dreams about it."
There was a panse on the phone

Mere was a panse on the phone, broken when my mother said, "Well, aren't you going to tell bim?"

My father laughed, then continued in a voice full of wonder.

"You aren't going to believe what happened," he said. "Three days after I got back, I had a hole-in-one."

Before I could react, he stopped me.

Then vesteriar, I had another one.

Then yesterday, I had another one. Both of them flew in the hole."

He had only had one before 1 took the news with a strange calm.

The Stars Fall on Vanbiesbrouck

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches The villain who ended John Vanbiesbrouck's unbeaten streak in Madison Square Garden was not one of the three North Stars who beat him with three third-period goals in less than two minutes It was the ione North Star at the

other end of the rink. Stu Gavin, Ulf Dahlen and Mike Craig scored goals in a 1:32 span of the third period and Jon Casey stopped 41 shots, pacing Minneso-ta to a 4-2 triumph Monday night

string on the road to four games and Minnesota handed Vanhiesbrouck his first loss on home ice in his last 20 starts. He had been 15-1-4 going back to Nov. 13, 1991, when he lost to Washington.

The New York goaltender, who had a personal unbeaten streak snapped at four (3-0-1), hadn't lost in four starts against Minnesota, while the Rangers suffered their fourth straight loss on home ice for the first time since January 1983. Casey matched Vanbiesbrouck

save-for-save early in a brilliant 1-1 in their last seven games and first period for both goaltenders. are one of five teams with a winfirst period for both goaltenders. Then the Minnesota netminder stole the show in the third with at least a dozen stunning saves in the game's waning moments.

Casey, the playoff hero behind

Minnesota's march to the Stanley

NHL HIGHLIGHTS

Cup final two years ago, has allowed just 19 goals in his last seven games. Vanbiesbrouck, who was making Stars' run of futility against the Rangers at nine games.

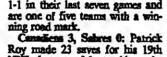
Casey extended his unbeaten string on the ward to form against the shots Monday night and after blocking 40 in the Rangers' 4-4 tie at Minnesota on Friday.

"I'm not playing by myself," said. "We lost I lost."

at 230 games on Turcotte's opener in the first.

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NHL shutout as Montreal beat visvincent Damphousse, Stephan Lebean and Denis Savard to move back into a tie with Pittsburgh for first overall in the 24-team NHL at Broks 4, Nordiques 3: Steve Leach scored his second goal of the

period as Boston won in Quebec.
The Nordiques lost their third
straight, but Mats Sundin extended
his point-scoring streak to 26 games. aid. "We lost I lost."

Capitals 4, Red Wings 1: De-Mike Gartner notched his 14th fenseman Al Lafrate scored his fifth and Darren Turcotte his 12th for the Rangers, who tied the Queber Nordiques for the fourth longest non-shutout streak in NHL history at 230 games on Turcotte's opener in the first in the first.

es in 18 days, are 0-2-1 in their Defenseman Tommy Sjodin last three games. They were withsocied for the North Stars, who played without star center Mike Modano, sidelined with a groin injury.

The North Stars improved to 5
(UPI, AP)



(UPI, AP) Mats Sundin, felled by David Shary, ran his point streak to 26 although Boston knocked off Quebec.

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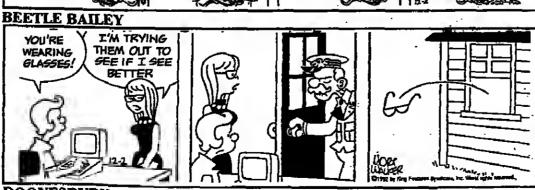
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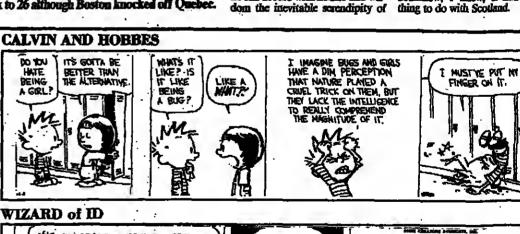
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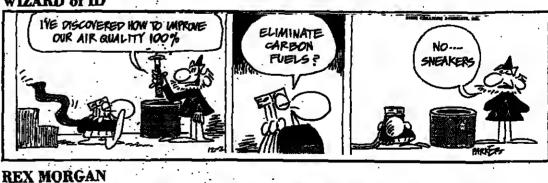
















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ap Mobs and Racism: in Tragedies Redux

ONDON - Soccer is to the world as simple and as complex as the weather. Anyone who saw Marco van Basten score four goals in his last Engogean tournament appearance for Milan might think the end

product comes to him as easy as A, B, C, D.

What more could we ask than the timing, accuracy and athleticism with which this man puts a round leather ball into a net? From past conversations, we glean that confidence governs him, that being in the right place at the right time is as important as staying alert for the chances others

Probe deeper, and you might as well ask a hishop and a genetic engineer to agree on the creation. There will always be more questions than answers. Why should Marco Golo get into scoring situations more often than other players? What impulse moves him into the right space at the precise instant opponents lose their concentration?

And, the most complicated of the simple questions: What makes van Basten change direction in mid air, hang there as if the laws of gravity have been suspended, and convert a poor pass behind his back into a bicycle kick over his shoulder into the net 18 meters away?

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questions, to which van Basten himself has no answer. If he can do that on a Wednesday, why not score at least one goal the following Sunday? If he has such nerveless application to score four not just then; but also in Naples weeks earlier, what happened when he failed with the penalty that cost the Netherlands so dearly against Denmark at the

Answer that, and I have more

"No player," he said then, "is an automaton." Good enough. If only the sporting life were that much of a haven.

Right now, England's conscience is sorely tried by the fundamental question of what is life? Three years and nine months have passed since the ungodly crush at Hillsborough Stadium killed 95 Liverpool spectators. Tony Bl. has never recovered consciousness. He has been sustained by artificial feeding through what brain specialists call a "persistent vegetative state."

Last month, the High Court granted his parents' wish that the intravenous feeding be stopped and Bland allowed the dignity of death. The
judgment was appealed by the government's Official Solicitor, who
claimed that this amounted not merely to euthanssia, but to murder.

And so, Hillsborough's 96th victim lies in a living death while the Court
of Arneal answers the unanswerable. We are not death while the Court of Appeal answers the unanswerable. No one, not doctor, judge or family. can say if there is feeling in Tony Bland.

What we do know is that soccer was the passion that drew him to the crush, and that we must never again encourage another Hillsborough or

WE FAILED, this year, in Corsica. And from personal experience, I implore FIFA to inspect the Sanchez Pizjuan stadium in Seville where, two weeks ago, my own horror of Hillsborough was revisited. Trying to collect a ticket at an unmarked entrance, I was sucked into swarms of confused, agitated spectators. An emergency vehicle was stuck in the throng, and only the good nature of both sets of fans prevented

Inside Pizjuan, FIFA's post-Hillsborough seating regulations were flamted by officials who painted "seat" numbers on bare terraces. FIFA's observer saw the problems. He cannot have been shocked by Sunday's reports of a small group of spectators being hurt after a barrier

Judging by the fracas over Sevilla's payments —or non payments —of the Maradona transfer fee, the club has serious debts. If these impede safety, FTFA must insist that Spanish teams play their future matches in the soccer cathedrals of Barcelona and Madrid, no matter how highly the Spaniards rate the intimidating benefits of Seville.

Given safety, we can disengage our critical faculties while the likes of van Basten thrill us. Or can we?

Playing alongside van Basten, his Dutch colleague, Rund Gullit, was recently abused by racist Inter Milan followers.

Italy, like Germany, dreads the neo-Nazis. Gullit asks club owners Silvio Berlosconi and Gianni Agnelli to take the microphone and tell the fans: "Stop with the insults, otherwise we stop the match right now."

Down the years. I have agreed, many, many times, with Rund's perspectives and applauded his integrity in reminding us of his Surinamese roots and his right to stand against apartheid.

Gullit is still a marveloos entertainer even if the magic flows less often and letter constants with the comments to the constants. It is comment, the integration of the constants of the comments to the comments of the comments of the comments.

and less spontaneously. In his company, I have seldom known anyone to even think of class or creed; he is too likable a man for that.

Yet for once, we disagree. I, of course, do not have to take the field and hear the taunts. But in every European country, where upward of 300

Africans now grace the top leagues, the answer to racism has come through acceptance of playing skills.

In France, George Weah, a Liberian, has moved from Monaco to Paris St. Germain for \$8 million, although he is out until next year with a twisted knee, the club has reported. In Germany, Anthony Yeboah of Ghana ranks among the top strikers. As Ricky Ownbokini does in Portugal, where, on Tuesday, the nation honored the 50th birthday of Eusebio, the first and finest African export.

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The plundering of African diamonds, like Brazilian jewels before them, has reached England, where teenage winger Peter Ndlovu of Zimbabwe brings bewitching moments to otherwise British orderliness.

So, while I abhor, as strongly as Gullit, the indecency and stupidity of judging a man by his color, I see the solution coming from the sportsman using his gifts to win acclaim and respect. Soccer, being the people's game, is bound to attract all classes, and some minorities who, alas, will abuse the sport to make their warred views beard.

abuse the sport to make their warped views heard.

Weeding them out is a matter for the police, the courts, the clubs and society. But abandoning play never has, never will, stop the deep-scated

If I may speak for a 21-year-old man in a coma, I suspect that Tony Bland, and the other Hillsborough victims, had a special hero, the Jamaican winger John Barnes. He is Liverpool's most gifted player, and a man who has, in five years, helped educate the people of his adopted city in the blessings of color blindness.

Rob Hoghes is on the stuff of the Sunday Times.

Seahawks, With Help, Upset Broncos in Overtime



Gastou Green brushed off Patrick Hunter to gain a first down as the Broncos ran roughshod over the Seahawks for three quarters.

SEATTLE - If the Denver

Broncos wind up missing the National Football League playoffs, the Seahawks were called for holdthey will remember the game that John Kasay, whose extra point had tied the score after regulation the eighth touchdown the Sea-

time expired, kicked a 32-yard field hawks have scored all season. goal with 3:56 left in overtime to give the Seahawks an improbable 16-13 victory over the Broncos on Monday night.

This game was an example that if you give any team, even a 1-and-10 team, too many opportunities,

they're going to hurt you," said the Broncos' Simon Fletcher.

Seattle trailed by 10-0 after one quarter and by 13-3 well into the final quarter, but tied after Kasay bicked a 33-yard field goal with 5:20 left and Stan Gelbaugh threw a three-yard touchdown pass to Brian Blades on the final play of regulation. Kasay's extra-point

kick sent the game into overtime.

Kasay missed on a 33-yard field goal kick 4:47 into the extra period. hooking the ball wide to the right, but got a second chance after Gelbangh drove the Scahawks from Denver's 38 to the 14, helped by two penalties called against the Broncos, one an illegal contact call that negated an interception.

Seattle got a last chance in regulation when Chris Warren returned a punt to the Denver 45 and Victor

grabbing Warren's facemask, put-ting the ball at the 30 with 1:02 left. With second-and-goal at the 10, ing, but Gelbaugh hit tight end James Jones for 17 yards on third

Denver fell into a tie for second place in the AFC West with San Diego, one game behind Kansas

But it had appeared the Broncos would coast to victory behind rookie Tommy Maddox's first NFL touchdown pass and two field goals by David Treadwell.

Maddox, a first-round draft choice who passed up his final two years at UCLA, subbed for the injured starting quarterback, John Elway, for the second straight game. He put the Broncos ahead with a 6-yard scoring pass to Mark Jackson 4:19 into the game.

■ Byrd Surgery Wednesday Dennis Byrd, the defensive line-man of the New York Jets whose neck was broken Sunday, will be operated on Wednesday, The Associated Press reported.

Doctors said they will use metal plates and bone grafts to permanently stabilize the vertebra, and said they should know more about Byrd's prognosis one to two week:

The Wobbly World League: A Game Americans Messed Up

By Ian Thomsen

International Herold Tribune FRANKFURT - The World League was a bad idea on one side of the ocean. They didn't know how to play American football over there, in America. They didn't have helicopters and disc jockeys, and there weren't any elephants. Often there were fewer than 10,000 people watching two football teams butting guts like a couple of unemployed sumos in an

would travel with our team and we'd go into Birmingham and see 8,000 people in the stands, so we knew America was in trouble," says Oliver Luck, general manager of the Frankfurt Galaxy. "But then some of our fans have gone over to see some NFL games. They've told us they were disappointed by those games, too there was no real tailgate party and no

The World League is as dead as Superman right now. Superman, we're assured, will be brought back to life in one form or another. Should the World League be re-suscitated in 1994 — a handshake promise at best - most of its teams will be scattered throughout Europe, with pey ones possibly in Paris, Manchester, Dusseldorf, Madrid, Amsterdam and/or Milan, joining the original franchises of London, Barona and Frankfurt.

The idea two years ago was to revolve the league around seven teams in America, whose successes would support the three on this before—by the WFL (World Root-ball League) in the 1970s and the USFL

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(U.S. Football League) in the 1980s — and thus had little interest in another minor,

doomed football league for the 1990s. But the Europeans didn't know any better. Surveys show that while NFL products are fashionable in Europe, few customers understand what it means to wear an L.A. Raiders jacket. Frankfurt, in spite of fielding a lousy team, averaged 36,000 spectators last year and made a profit of 500,000 Department of short 500,000 Deutsche marks (about \$300,000).

"Football is a product, and you can package it anyway you want to," Luck says. Understand that he played quarterback for West Virginia, was picked in the second round of the NFL and spent five years with the Honston Oilers. Understand, too, that he was a Phi Beta Kappa stand, too, that he was a Pin Beta Kappa scholar, graduated Magna Cum Laude from West Virginia, and graduated from law school during his final NFL season.

"I'm a football guy, but to me, nothing is sacred," says Luck, 32. "The one thing I have to make clear is that, if we come back,

and I believe we're going to, these other teams have got to emphasize the party thing. The other European teams were doing some of that, but not enough. As soon as the ball goes out of bounds, the disco bit of the week has to come on the sound system." And it can't be that speaker-underwater-warbling sound system heard in most

"It's got to rival Madoona's," Luck says. Luck was practicing law in Dusseldorf in 1987, on a fellowship for foreign law-

wrote the NFL commissioner, Pete Rozelle, to suggest that his league stage its annual American Bowi overseas exhibition game in Germany.

Rozelle never read the letter; it was filed away until the NFL began planning for the World League of American Football, as it first was called. When Luck's letter was discovered, he was asked to be general manager of the Frankfurt team. Luck's

When the people here heard that we were shutting down, they said, "What? Are you guys nuts?", Oliver Luck

mother is from Karlsruhe, and he had learned German growing up in Cleveland. He arrived less than four months before the league's debut in March 1990.

Estimating football's core audience in Frankfurt as no more than 12,000, and believing that middle-aged soccer fans could not easily be attracted to something new, Luck targeted German teenagers and young adults. The first promotional posters featured none of the normal action pictures — just a large gleaming egg, symbolizing the football. Luck says Mike Lynn, president of the league, didn't like went up there with a song list. As soon as the ball went out of bounds, he would throw

on a Rolling Stones CD, and it would play until the players were lining up again." Luck invited customers to a pregame "Power Party" on two fields surrounding the stadium. They could ride a mechanica bull, or put on a velcro suit and launch themselves against a padded wall. There were carnival games: throw the football through a tire, or kick a 30-yard field goal and win a T-shirt. By the second year these parties were drawing 30,000 fans two

hours before the game.
"Inside the stadium we did things foot-ball people normally don't do," Luck says. When the Birmingham Fire came to town, a stuntman carrying the game ball was lowered onto the field from a helicopter while his rope was set aftre. When the London Monarchs visited, a stretch limonsine drove in a Queen Elizabeth lookalike.

She was followed by an elephant.

"The elephant was supposed to represent Prince Charles with his big flappy cars," Luck says. "Well, the Germans were really into that kind of thing. It seemed like I was spending half my time trying to figure out how we could get an elephant into the stadio

In support of its seven nondescript U.S. teams, the NFL was losing upwards of \$12 million annually on the World League at approach.

—shortly after losing a lawsuit brought by

sounded as though he wanted to say some.

"Our stadium announcer was a DJ."

NFL players demanding free agency.

Luck says. "He didn't go up to the press box Franchise offices have remained open in with a flip-chart showing the names and Europe; Luck is planning a Super Bowl numbers of all the players on the field. He party in Frankfurt, and, at last, an American Bowl exhibition next August at a German site still to be established.

Because the NFL's action appeared to be in retaliation against the players, who lost 350 World League jobs, there is good reason to doubt that the league will return in the spring of 1994 as promised. While the National Basketball Association works through FIBA, that sport's international federation, to promote overseas expansion, American football has no such relationship. The future of international football is solely the responsibility of the NFL, but few of its key executives had visited the European sites before enforcing their hibernation. Are NFL owners so ignorant of their own global future to risk it over an

unrelated spat with players?

"When the people here heard that we were shutting down, they said, "What? Are you guys nuts?" Lack says. "Right now it's easier than ever to see an NFL game on TV, and more and more kids are playing the game in Europe. But for me it's critical to have pro football in Europe on a weekly basis. One exhibition game a year over-here ian't going to do it. If they want to build an affinity with the fans, if they want them to wear the merchandise, they we got to be able to identify with Frankfurt or Spain or DasseldorL'

If the league doesn't resume play, he promised that the NFL would find it "difficult" to promote football in the future. It

Fiorentina Changing 'Swastika' Shirts

ROME - The Italian soccer team Fiorentina is changing the uniform its players will wear to matches away from Florence after a sharp-eyed newspaper reader noticed that the design on the present shirts includes a swastika-like motif.

"Fiorentina and Lotto SpA would like to under-line that the optical effect is purely a matter of chance," the club and the shirts' manufacturer said in a statement Tuesday. They said a computer had randomly thrown out the pattern. The shirts are precominantly white, but a black linear design, which includes the offending motif, overlays splashes of violet on the chest and arms.

The first division club, which has been wearing

the shirts for away matches all season, will sport a new design when it plays in Parms on Dec. 13.

The issue was raised by a reader of PUnita, the newspaper of the formerly communist Democratic Party of the Left.

With racial violence in Italy growing soccer officials have stepped up efforts to prevent racist pamphlets and banners being taken into stadiums. There are also plans for leading players to appear

The soccer players' association has declared Dec. 13 a day of action against racism, with players using post-match interviews to promote racial tolerance. The German Bundesliga is to take similar

UEFA Expands To 44 Members

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches ISTANBUL - Armenia and Belarus were admitted to the Europe-an Football Union at its executive meeting Tuesday, bringing UEFA's membership to 44.

They join the other former Soviet states of Georgia, Russia and Ukraine, as well as Slovenia and Croatia, as provisional members.

With Azerbaijan and Moldova associate members, and the door open to Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Kirgyzstan, UEFA is heading for a membership of more than 50.

Following Monday's announce-ment that the European Champi-onship finals are to be expanded from eight to 16 teams in 1996, Lennart Johannson, the Swedish president of UEFA, announced Tuesday that a working party is to be set up to examine an increase in the UEFA Cup from 64 clubs to 96.

 Liverpool has a chance of get-ting back into the European Cup Winners' Cup, as UEFA said Tuesday it was studying the possibility that Spartak Moscow fielded an ineligible player in the second round. German officials suggested that midfielder Mikhail Rusayev broke key transfer rules. (AFP, Reuters)

Astros Land Drabek, **Smiley Signed by Reds**

The Associated Press HOUSTON — Dong Drabek, the National League's 1990 Cy Young Award winner, agreed than 200 inn Tuesday to a \$20 million, four-year contract with the Houston Astros.

Drabek, who made \$4.5 million last season pitching for the Pitts-burgh Pirates, gets a \$1.5 million signing bonus, \$4 million in each of the next two seasons and \$4.75 million each in 1995 and 1996. The 1997 and must pay a \$1 million buyout if they don't exercise it.

The Pirates said earlier they would not enter into a bidding war for Drabek, their top starter the past five seasons and the NL's top pitcher with a 22-6 record in 1990.

John Smiley became the first top free agent to sign since the season ended when he agreed Monday to an \$18.4 million, four-year contract with the Cincinnati Reds.

The 27-year-old left-hander returns to the National League after a season with the Minnesota Twins. Pittsburgh traded him to Minnesota on March 17 after he agreed to a of the Pirates.

\$3.44 million one-year deal with

Smiley, who has pitched more than 200 innings in four of the last five seasons, joins left-hander Tom Browning and right-handers Tim Belcher and Jose Rijo in the Reds' rotation.

In New York, major league base-ball's executive council appointed a committee Tuesday to investigate the racial and ethnic remarks attributed Astros have a \$5 million option for to the Reds' owner, Marge Schott. The announcement came after

council members had talked for about an hour during a conference Bud Selig chairman of the exec-utive council, said the committee

would report its findings to the council. The committee has been asked to conduct its investigation thoroughly and with all appropriate

dispatch," a release said The committee consists of American League President Bobby Brown, National League President Bill White, Jackie Autry of the California Angels and Doug Danforth

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Syracuse Allowed Into Tournament

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island (AP) - Syracuse, banned from this season's NCAA tournament as part of the sanctions in a two-year probation, can play in the Big East Conference basketball tournament, the presidents and chancellors of the 10-school conference decided.

The NCAA imposed the penalties on Oct. I. If Syracuse wins the Big East tournament, the league's automatic bid would be voided, but other teams would be eligible for at-large bids. The Big East has never had fewer than three teams selected for the NCAA tournament since the conference began play in 1979-80.

 Danny Ford, who led Clemson to a national championship in 1981 and left eight seasons later following a dispute with school officials, has become Arkansas' third football coach in three months; Jack

opening loss and Joe Kines elevated to interim head coach. • Tennessee accepted a bid to play Boston College in the Hall of Fame Bowl on New Year's Day.

Crowe was fired after a season

For the Record A.P. Indy, winner of the Belmont Stakes and Breeders' Cup Classic

this year, has been retired from racing.

Annelise Coberger, the skier who was New Zealand's sole winter Olympics medalist, was named the country's top athlete. (AFP) South Africa will make its international seven-a side rugby union debut at the Hong Kong Invitation

evens in March. (AFP)
Ivan Abreus Camacho, a Cuban Sevens in March. middleweight boxer, sought political asylum in Denmark as his team went home without him.

Quotable • Terry Bradshaw, the quarterback turned NFL television analyst, talking with Jim Hill of CBS: "I'm not afraid to let people know that I'm kind of an idiot."

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The Sultry Sullen Look

By Russell Baker NEW YORK — Sullen, yes. 1 can look sullen. What I cannot look is sultry sullen. That's how the male clotheshorses look: sultry sullen. It is the fashionable way for men to look this year. The malefashion ads insist.

The sultriness of the sullenness of these fashion-ad men defeats me. It's because I lack fat lips. These male models have richly fleshy lips perfect for sultry pouting. With lean lips, looking sultry is out of the question.

When I, for example, look sullen it is not a look that makes men rush to pay \$2,000 for jackets. It is a look that makes women glad they have "All My Children" to fall back on when they see me wearing it.

I hear that collagen injected into the lips will solve the problem and is even used by actresses seeking the pouty-sultry look now in vogue in movies. I refuse. Paying good money to have your lips fattened strikes me as the height of decadence and makes me want to scold he doctors. Are they too young to ber when street-corner loafers did the job free with fists?

Hobo jaw is fashionable too. This seems to be achieved by not shaving for a week, but it is appareatly much harder.

During the Depression the unshaved jowl was the symbol of pov-erty too hopeless to afford a razor blade. It was also the cartoonist's and the moviemaker's shorthand for identifying thugs. This gave rise to a taunt that often preceded schoolboy fist fights of the era: "You're not tough, you just need a shave."

Now, though, men of unchallengeable chic appear everywhere in unkempt jaw. Just the other day I saw a photograph of Jann Wenner, the mastermind behind Rolling Stone, partying in a top-of-theline tuxedo and a six-day coat of

whiskers. Sociologists will probably dis-cover that this is another of rich mankind's immemorial efforts to fake a fellowship with the violent street pauper. Research by Mike Royko of The Chicago Tribune suggests, however, that the whis-

kery look is costly to maintain.
Since chic whiskers must be kept from disappearing entirely every

week and from growing so long that they turn into unfashionable hippicera beards, men must buy a shaver that keeps the foliage cropped without shaving it. Or, as Royko noted in amazement at the American talent for finding things to waste money on, a shaver that doesn't shave!

My eagerness to be fashionable is such that I would buy this preposterous machine except for fear that there are age restrictions on the unshorn-chin look. Except for Wenner, who is only semi-venerable, it is seen mostly on young male models with sultry-sullen lips and basebali players who may be millionaires but are nevertheless scarcely out of high school.

I am more than scarcely out of high school, and since there is nothing more unfashionable in male fashion than the spectacle of a grown man in boy's clothing and hair, I am uneasy about how the world would take it if a six-day whisker crop came in silvery.

The same problem haunts me about headwear. The smart way to put your cap on this year is backward. We are talking about a cap with a bill, which is the only kind of headwear any man of fashion would dream of using nowadays.

The smart cap crowd, instead of wearing their beaks over the fore-head, as baseball players do, wear them pointed down over the back of the neck. The idea was probably born among stoop laborers who didn't have to worry about sun in their eyes but wanted to keep their necks from turning red.

Whatever the explanation, it is now all the rage among fashionconscious young men. My ques-tion, which no one has yet an-swered satisfactorily, is: What is the age cutoff line for wearing your cap backward?

I suspect it's one of those styles young people adopt partly because they hope it will make the old folks climb the wall. Not that I'm "old folks," mind you. Still, I have been around long enough to realize that the wise policy in such matters is not to co-opt youth's gaudy new style, but to go ahead and climb the wall

like a good sport. It gratifies the young and can be done with a wink. Now, as for the new style of wearing sneakers with the laces un-tied, we will get to that right after this shave.

New York Times Service

Crisis at Paris's American Center

By John Rockwell New York Times Service

PARIS - The American Center, which has for decades been an honorable if humbly scaled Paris forum for visiting American artists and a place to learn English, has embarked on an extraordinary expansion. Now in handsome temporary quarters, it is to reopen next September in a new building, designed by Frank Gehry, that promises to be of unusual architectural distinction as well as a major Paris site for exhibitions and performances.

But the road to the reopening has not been smooth. Afflicted by the worldwide recession, the privately supported center's board of directors recently dismissed the profes-sional artistic staff. The question now is whether the center overreached in spending most of its money on monumental architecture - which in turn raised expectations in the international arts world - rather than on a more balanced agenda that included an endowment and programming. The dismissed staff members, most of them Americans

well connected in New York and national arts administration, were unwilling to discuss their grievances openly, given their delicate contractual negotiations with the center. But they see center officials as having betrayed the expanded mandate they themselves set with their decision to build the Gehry building.

The center's administrators, on the other hand, are convinced that their decision to commission Gehry was a wise one. And they are desperate that the staff dismissals be perceived by the public and potential donors on both sides of the Atlantic as the only prudent response to a difficult situation not of their own making.

A confidential internal memorandum was sent on Nov. A confidential internal memorandum was sail on Provious ranging from possible breaches of contract to board resignations to withdrawal of pledges to threats to the center's tax status to "confusion of leadership."

At issue is the dismissal of Adam D. Weinberg, who has

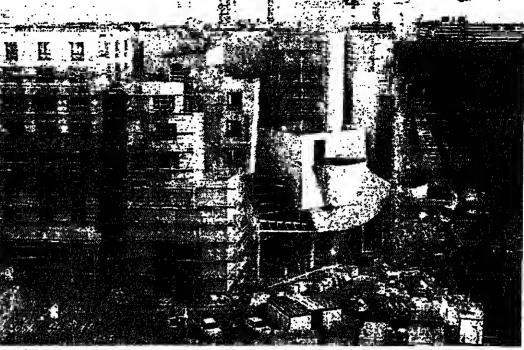
been the center's artistic and program director since 1990 and was formerly director of the Whitney Museum of American Art at the Equitable Center in New York. Also dismissed were Denise Luccioni, the center's French cura-tor of performing arts, and two other Americans: Lucinda Furlong, the curator of media arts, and Michael Tarran-tino, adjunct curator of visual arts.

In addition, an ambitions exhibition of commissioned new works planned by the New York-based Martin Fried-man and entitled "Landscape as Metaphor" was to open the center and to complement the Gebry building. It has now been put in limbo, although Friedman and Henry Pillsbury, the executive director of the center, said they hoped to present it later.

"We have to be extremely careful," said Pillsbury, a theater director who has been involved with the center for 27 years. "We've got to go forward with the resources we have in hand. If we do the Friedman show, we want to be able to do it right."

But James Clark, the executive director of the Public Art Find in New York, who worked with Weinberg on a recent center exhibition, saw things differently. "The perception in the United States is that Martin Friedman and Adam Weinberg have been mistreated," he said, "and that Michel Reilhac will not find many people who will want to work with him."

Reilhac is the center's French general manager, just below Pillsbury on the executive pecking order. The dis-missed staff is convinced that Reilhac has exercised de



Construction continues on Frank Gehry's design for a new American Center.

facto control of the center for at least a year and that his elevation is intended to court French patronage.

Pillsbury, Reilhac and Judith Pisar, the chairwoman of the center, deny any such shift in power relationships or that the center is de-emphasizing American artists. Reilhac conceded that there had been talk of alternative ways of

zing the center, but said he had never sought a larger role in its administration. Nonetheless, a "proposed basic program structure," signed and dated "Michel Reilhac Nov. 1992," has circulated among the staff and board members.

All sides do agree on some things. One is their pride in the new building, which in typical Gehry fashion blends wit, style and functionality. Another is that the center is indeed having financial difficulties.

After its founding in 1931, the center puttered along on the Left Beach of figure 1993.

the Left Bank, offering language courses and providing opportunities in Paris for all manner of American dancers, composers and performers, among them Merce Cunningham, Sam Shepard, Steve Lacy, Joseph Chaikin, John Cage, Trisha Brown, Philip Glass and Tom Johnson. By 1987, however, the old quarters had grown overcrowd-

ed and shabby. Instead of renovating and expanding them ("It's hard to raise money for a face-lift," said Pisar), the center sold the building for 220 million francs and negotiat-ed a favorable arrangement with the city of Paris for its new home. The American Center is to be a central element in the

city's plan to develop the former manufacturing area of Bercy, along the Seme in the east of Paris.

Pillsbury said Gehry had designed his building "from the inside out," deciding what spaces were needed and then letting its fanciful shape, basically two eight-story structures huddled around a central courtyard, emerge from the ingenious juxtaposition of the required elements.

The center's French-American board set about to raise

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an endowment of \$25 million and committed itself to annual operating expenses of an additional \$5 million to \$8 million. A \$5 million matching grant from Frederick R. Weisman, a Los Angeles art collector, philanthropist and Gehry patron, got the endowment drive under way, and \$3.5 million more has been pledged.

But here difficulties set in. The recession, which hit France later than the United Stats, made fund raising difficult. The dollar fell 20 percent against its 1987 value. And the French board members, used to a system in which vernment support is paramount, were deficient in raising additional money, partly, as Pisar put it, because the center has no natural "constituency" in France.

Delays in the city's part of the Bercy development, which have pushed back the completion of the surrounding plaza and park until mid- to late 1994, further dampened enthusi-

and park until mid- to late 1994, further dampened entitusasm for a gigantic opening festivity in mid-1993.

Gehry, speaking from his office in Los Angeles, was
naturally concerned that his building be finished in good
order. "Henry Pillsbury is the guy I came to the dance
with," he said. "As long as Henry's there, I feel good."

The architect, who helped the center with its fund
raising, said: "I offered to cut back on things and they
have refused to do that. They could take the stone out of
the foyer and save SI million, and maybe pay for the
Priedman show, but that would trash the building."

No one wants to undermine Gehry's vision. The real No one wants to undermine Gehry's vision. The real issue now seems to be whether his building, by its very

grandeur, demands a comparable ambition of program-ming or, as Pisar put it, the center can "open very slowly" and focus attention on the architectu "The building is the star," she said, "Artists will come in and go out year after year, but what's going to last is that building."

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PEOPLE

The 'Squidgy' Tapes: Case of Royal Grudge?

Did someone deliberately broad-cast the "Squidgy" tape to damage the reputation of Princess Diane? Today newspaper thinks so. The London tabloid says that intelligence services have spoken to six ham radio operators who heard slightly different versions of the taped phone conversation between Diana — "Squidgy" — and a male friend on different nights and that the services now thinks the tape was part of a plot, probably by someone with a royal gradge, 10 damage the marriage of Prince Charles and Diana. In August, another London tabloid, The Sun, printed transcripts of the tape. It said the phone call was recorded by a radio ham. Royal update: Di-ana has asked for her own video-tape of "Pallas 2," a TV show that mocks the royal family, because she will be with the family over Christmas when it is shown and will not be able to watch it, according to yet another tab, the Daily Mirror. And the Sun reports that Queen Fliza-beth II has invited the Duchess of York, the estranged wife of Prince Andrew, to spend Christmas with the family at Sandringham.

No laughing matter: To guffaws from all sides, the House of Com-mons speaker, Betty Boothruyd, said that she personally was not amused by the addition of a Hitlerstyle mustache to a portrait of ex-Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in a parliamentary restaurant and that she intended to find out who

The marriage of actress Tatum O'Neal and tennis star John McEn-roe may be in trouble. The New York Post says she wants a divorce because he won't let her revive the film career she gave up when they married six years ago. They have three children.

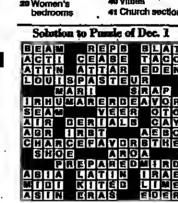
Banned in Bogotá: Huge rock concerts are now prohibited in Coombia's capital city after at least 20 people were injured in a riot following a concert over the week-end by the group Guas N' Roses.

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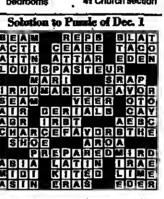
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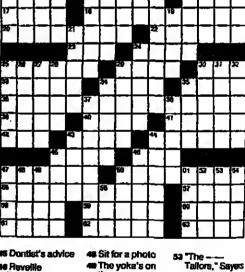
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IN MY PLACE

By Charlayne Hunter-Gault, 257 pages. \$19. Farrar Straus Gir-

Reviewed by Jonathan Yardley

M ORE than three decades ago, Charlayne Hunter, as she was then known, transferred from Wayne State University in Michigan to the University of Georgia, thus becoming one of the first two black Georgians to enroll as under-graduates at that institution. It was an event of signal importance, marking the beginning of the end of de jure segregation in public higher education; in the company of her classmate Hamp Holmes as well as that of Harvey Gantt at

layue Hunter was a pioneer. "In My Place" is an unsentimen-

tal, straightforward autobiography are presented without histrionics or embellishment; now Charlayne Hunter-Gault, an alumnus of The New Yorker and currently nanonal correspondent of Public Broad-casting's MacNeil Lehrer program, she seems to understand that no the reader's emotions is want to But the choice is yours, not

Certainly it would be an exaggertion to say that Hunter-Gault was privileged child, but for a black American born half a century ago she lived in relative comfort. Her Army, which assured the family

the time and made him a somewhat shadowy presence in her life, he made an indelible impression upon her when, after she'd been turned away from a teenagers' club near a base where he was stationed, he said: "You have to let these people

BOOKS

That counsel became the guiding principle of Hunter-Gault's life, though it was some time before she awakened to the full weight of it. As a teenager she was caught up in the intense life of Atlanta's Henry McNeal Turner High School, "an both a middle-class income and a idyllic island in a sea of segrega- ply to the University of Georgia,

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em blacks who had accepted segre-gation docilely or in silent anger were beginning to speak out, to sit in and to march. The student movement had arrived: "Something had now changed in Atlanta. And something had changed in us." It was here that her father's counsel assumed true ur-

civil-rights leaders asked her to ap-

ens, the place where white Georalso tended to be Georgia."

She was subjected to predictable harassment and isolation, but she was able to withstand the former really was the right one to desegre-gate the University of Georgia, because I had no problem being alone. In fact, I had always relished my solitude. Except that up to now it had always been by choice."

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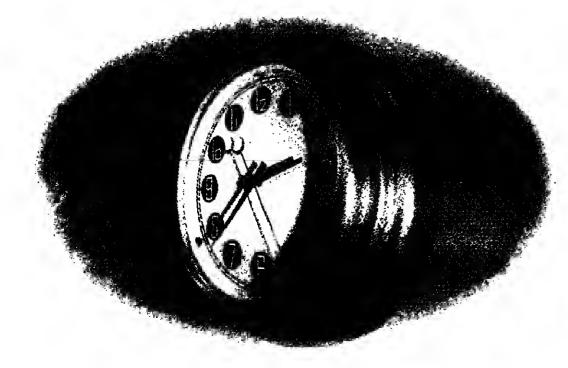
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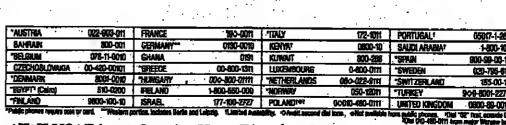
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